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Nationalists draw up new defence plans

Taipei, April 27.

A new series of high level conferences, headed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, was reported underway today to redraft the Chusan and Taiwan defence plans in the light of Hainan's loss.

So far, officialdom adamantly declines to say Hainan is completely lost or give out information on the day-to-day status of the island.

But in view of information from the most reliable sources that full eventual withdrawal had long been planned, it can be accepted the new strategic decisions will be based on that fact.

The conferences, in which all top planners were tied up in day and night sessions, were expected to produce a new crop of optimistic predictions over ability to continue to hold the Chusans, Taiwan, and Kinmen.

One source in contact with the planners said that to his certain knowledge the strategists were biding their course on the benefit gained from the Hainan experience.

The source predicted a new series of continental raids by the Nationalists to hit more materials and new organisations for the coastal guerrillas. On these units the Nationalists are placing much dependence to hamstringing Communist preparations to hit the Chusans.

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Nationalist planes attacked Red craft off Chusan island again today, adds Associated Press.

Air Headquarters said Hainan-based planes hit the Hainan airfield on North Hainan. This indicated the Nationalists still were operating from a South island airfield, possibly Samah.

The invasion of Chusan is expected momentarily.

Peking Radio claimed last night that by April 24 Communist troops were in control of more than 120 miles of coastline of North Hainan Island, says Reuter in a San Francisco despatch.

This was the result of a fourth mass landing by Communist troops at three ports West of Hainan, the capital of Hainan.

United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

Shopkeepers' "plot" against the U.S. Navy

Singapore, April 27.

The United States 7th Fleet Flotilla sailed into Singapore today with guns blazing a welcome salute for a one week courtesy visit.

The flotilla consists of the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Boxer and two destroyers.

Under the heading "Welcome to Gobs" the Chinese-owned newspaper "Malayan Tribune" urged the citizens to "give them a friendly greeting not just because of the dollars in their pockets."

The "Tribune" said: "Even though they are on a courtesy visit, this is bad news for Uncle Joe and Mao and that is good news for us."

British security officers here were surprised three weeks ago when, before the fleet's visit was officially announced, a Singapore newspaper published details of Chinese shopkeepers' preparations to catch the dollars from 3,000 sailors expected by the month's end.

The naval secret is believed to have been passed on from Chinese shopkeepers in Hong Kong—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) a trough of low pressure extends from the Luzon Strait to the SE of Hainan to a depression to the SE of Japan. A ridge of high pressure dominates Korea, Japan and the adjacent seas.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate S.W. wind, evening S.E. Clouds with fair periods and morning mist. Becoming warmer.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 74° F. Minimum 61° F. Rain. Sunshine 1.5 hours.

Humidity 74 per cent. Total since Jan. 1—460.5 mm. (18.12 in.).

Relative humidity of 75 per cent. at 0000 GMT.

Readings at 10 a.m. 10.12. 10.15. 10.18. 10.21. 10.24. 10.27. 10.30. 10.33. 10.36. 10.39. 10.42. 10.45. 10.48. 10.51. 10.54. 10.57. 11.00.

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Refusals to accept mortgages

Local banks and investment agencies are refusing to accept mortgages of leasehold property located North of Boundary Street in Kowloon, said the Independent vernacular "New Life Evening Post" yesterday.

The newspaper said that the reason for refusal is the uncertain outcome of the current talks between Britain and the Chinese People's Central Government.

It was pointed out that Kowloon, North of Boundary Street, and the New Territories, were leased to Britain by the Kuomintang regime.

The new Chinese Government had previously announced that all treaties signed between the Kuomintang Government and foreign States would have to be reviewed.

Certain banks and agencies contacted yesterday said that the report was not entirely correct. They noted that some mortgages accepted, others are refused, and that refusals have no political significance.

FLYING TRADER TO AID IN S'HAU EVACUATION

Kobe, April 27.

The American President liner General Gordon and the freighter Flying Trader are bound today for Taku Bar off Tientsin to pick up an estimated 1,300 foreign refugees from Communist China.

The General Gordon, which sailed from Okinawa, is expected to accommodate about 1,000 evacuees who had been permitted to overland from Shanghai and other cities to Tientsin in North China.

The Flying Trader's freighter Flying Trader sailed from Kobe today and is due to arrive at Taku Bar on Sunday morning. Operating under State Department orders, the ship took on emergency bunkers, bedding and food here for 300 evacuees—United Press.

UK RECOGNISES ISRAEL

London, April 27.

Britain today granted Israel de jure recognition and formally recognised the Jewish State of Israel.

The announcement was made by the Foreign Office in a statement.

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Outlawing of Communists, satellite groups proposed RETROSPECTIVE ACTION

Canberra, April 27.

The Liberal Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Gordon Menzies, introduced legislation today which would make Australia the first English-speaking country in the world to outlaw the Communist Party.

In a speech to the Lower House of Parliament which was broadcast to the nation, Mr. Menzies introduced the legislation which fulfilled his promise to take action against the Communists, made before the 1949 general elections in which his Liberals swept the Labour Party out of power after a 13-year reign.

The main points of the legislation were:

1. It declares the Communist Party unlawful, dissolves it and appoints a receiver for its property with any surplus over liabilities going to the Commonwealth Government;
2. It permits the Governor-General to outlaw organisations, other than trade unions, which are clearly dominated by the Communist Party. Any such group may appeal to the Australian High Court but the burden of proof that it is not Communist lies with the group;
3. Officers and members of such illegal associations are subject to imprisonment if they do not cease their activities or if they try to enlist support for their cause;
4. The Governor-General must publish the names of any members of the party or its organisations after May 10 whose activities he deems "prejudicial" to the Commonwealth. The affected person may appeal but again the burden of proof lies with the person not the State.
5. Any person so declared will be barred from employment in the Government or a Government authority.

6. Such a person may be barred from holding a job in the "key" coal mine, steel, building, transport, engineering and power industries.

Mr. Menzies said: "The choice is simple: 1) Do nothing and let the traitorous minority destroy us; 2) Leave the Communist free to do his work as long as he is a union official but deal with him in other capacities; 3) Fight him wherever we find him with no immunity at all."

"It is an insult to an Australian trade unionist to treat him as a man incapable of reason or as a citizen indifferent to the march of Communism in the world or to the safety of his own land."

"Underground already"

To the charges that his bill would drive the Communists "underground," Mr. Menzies said: "The Communists are underground already."

The Prime Minister listed 11 union leaders who are members of the Communist Party Central Committee including Mr. Ernest Thornton, general secretary of the Iron Workers' Union and executive of the Communist-dominated World Confederation of Trade Unions. He is believed to be in India.

Mr. Menzies also listed 42 other known Communists who held important Government posts. Recent estimates place party membership at about 8,000. The party is believed to be in Europe.

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Parliament House guarded

Canberra's modern Parliament House, standing in the splendid isolation in Australia's garden capital, was under a state of siege today in readiness for possible Communist demonstration.

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would be no person affected at all.

"We are not prepared to facilitate such a farce. Our Communist enemies are known. They have been active at least since the selected date, May 10, 1948."

Further, if the Government is satisfied that a substantial number of members of an industrial organisation are engaged in a key industry, coal mining, iron and steel, transport, power and engineering, for example, vital to the security and defence of Australia, he may declare that organisation accordingly.

"This declaration imposes no disability on the organisation. Its important result is that a declared person shall be disqualified from office in that organisation."

Mr. Menzies said the effect of all this was that a Communist whose activity was likely to be prejudicial to defence or orderly government would be barred from holding office under the Crown or in an organisation concerned with a vital industry.

"In other words, the enemies of peace and of our country are not to be allowed to occupy positions in which they can give the greatest effect to their evil designs," Mr. Menzies said.

He admitted that the extension of the banning threat to affiliated organisations was "novel and far-reaching."

"It is designed to deal with the King's enemies in this country. We are not, except in a technical sense, at peace."

"The Soviet Union has perfected the technique of the cold war and has accompanied it by demonstrations designed not to promote true peace but to prevent or oppose defence preparations in the democracies."

"We have witnessed the most threatening events in Eastern Europe, in Germany, in East and South Asia."

"If we have learned nothing from all these things, there is no help for us."—Reuter and United Press.

DST IN TAIWAN

Taipei, April 27.

Daylight Saving Time is to come into force in Nationalist China from zero hour on May 1, when clocks will be advanced one hour.—Associated Press.

Thai Monarch to wed young Princess today

Bangkok, April 27.

A 22-year-old king takes a lovely, young princess in a blue sarong-like dress as his queen tomorrow in simple, private wedding rites.

King Phumiphon, who will be crowned Rama IX on May 5, marries Princess Sirikit, Kitiva, whom he met in Europe where both were studying. The engagement of the American-born King and his distant cousin occurred in London last August 12 on the occasion of the pretty girl's 17th birthday.

They are brought together by a mutual love of music. He King writes popular music. He also plays the saxophone while at Queen to be plays the piano. Both are tall for Slaves. The Monarch, whose previous photographs showed a shy youth, returned to Bangkok from his Switzerland studies on March 24 and deeply impressed onlookers at the coronation of his association with the King. Ananda with regard to his bearing and maturity.

The Princess, one of the prettiest of Thai maidens in a land noted for the attractiveness of its girls, has an abundance of blue-black hair falling below her shoulders. Her complexion is

when she arrived with her husband-to-be charmed the huge crowd that cheered their arrival at the Palace residence of the Queen Grandmother, Samdet Panwasa, 94-year-old widow of King Chulalongkorn's official wives.

The Buddhist ceremonies are set for 10.24 a.m. as the auspicious moment by Royal astrologers. At that moment, the Queen Grandmother will enter the room and pour sanctified lustral water into the hands of the kneeling Monarch and Queen-to-be.

After the lustral water, the Monarch will present his bride with the Royal Dynasty's Chakra decorations, and the chief official of Royal scriptures will announce that Princess Sirikit is Queen of Thailand.

In the afternoon, Their Majesties will appear in the throne room before top government officials and announce they have been married. A reception of Ambassadors and others, chiefs of foreign missions will follow.

The Princess plans to wear the traditional Siamese sarong-like dress of yellow, white, while the King will wear white civil clothes. The Princess (whose blue) as it is her birthday colour.—Associated Press.

New drive in Malaya



Lieutenant General Sir Harold Rawdon Briggs (right), Director of operations in Britain's drive to end the battle with Communist guerrillas in Malaya, is greeted by General Sir John Harding (left), Commander in Chief of British Land Forces in the Far East, on arrival by air in Singapore. (A. P. photo).

APPEAL IN AIRLINES CASE HEARD BY FULL COURT

There is no authority for the Hong Kong Supreme Court to declare that the doctrine of sovereign immunity operates to prevent the appointment of a receiver in respect of the CNAC and CATC assets, it was contended yesterday.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, leading counsel for Civil Air Transport, Incorporated, made this submission before a Full Court hearing the appeal against a Court ruling given on February 23.

The Appeal Court yesterday was composed of all three Judges of the Supreme Court, Mr. E. H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, and Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge.

The reasons for the dismissal of the application by CAT, Inc., for a receiver, as given by the then Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, were: (1) the operation of the doctrine of sovereign immunity;

(2) that the proper parties were not brought up before the Court; and that (3) CAT, Inc., had not made out a strong case in support of their application.

The respondents named in the appeal are Major General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whitir Willauer. The management of the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation were named as third party respondents.

Mr. Sheldon, the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, Mr. John McNeill and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, are appearing for the appellants on the instructions of Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr. V. J. L. d'Alton, instructed by Brutton and Company, is representing Chennault and Willauer.

CNAC and CATC are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by B. A. Kwan and Company and A. S. K. Lau and Company.

Two in one
Opening the appeal, Mr. Sheldon told the Court that the matter was in reality two cases in one, he proposed to argue first on the CNAC.

Counsel mentioned the reason given for the dismissal of the application by Sir Leslie Gibson, after which he went on to read the passages of the judgment dealing with the relevant facts.

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Yugoslavia's rapprochement with Greece

Belgrade, April 27.

Marshal Tito was re-elected Premier by a unanimous vote of Parliament today and announced that Yugoslavia is re-establishing diplomatic relations with Greece.

Marshal Tito said the rapprochement with Greece was part of Yugoslavia's foreign policy aimed at "good neighbourly relations" and strengthening of peace in the Balkans.

Tito followed up his choice as head of the Government by announcing the re-appointment of the entire Cabinet of 32 members who submitted their resignations on Monday. Tito himself will be Premier and Minister of Defence.

His first address to the new Skupchina or Parliament also brought a moderately worded appeal to Italy for closer collaboration in the economic and cultural fields in order to solve Yugoslavia's dispute over Trieste in a calm manner.—United Press.

London, April 27.

Britain today suspended temporarily all postal services to Hainan Island—Reuter.

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Mr. Wicks talks on problem of juvenile delinquency

Poverty and ill-health excepted, there is no doubt that the answer to the problem of juvenile delinquency is full employment in the form of work, school, recreation and sleep, said Mr. James Wicks yesterday.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Mr. Wicks spoke on Juvenile Delinquency at the PRO Lecture Room. Mr. Brook Bernacchi, Chairman of the Council presided.

Mr. Wicks said: "The system of juvenile courts is now so well recognized and accepted as a part of our legal system that it is easy to overlook the fact that they were first established as late as 1932 in Hong Kong and only in 1908 in England, and that the first juvenile courts came into existence only in 1881, in Chicago.

"One of the characteristics of a progressive civilisation is that the administration of justice keeps pace with the development of the community.

"The study of the history of juvenile delinquency is important only from the fact that it enables one to appreciate how we have arrived at the present stage and to understand the problems that now beset us.

"Under Roman Law three stages of infancy were recognized in capital cases. The first stage was infancy—under seven years, when there could be no guilt. The second stage was Actus Pubertatis Proxima—from seven to 14 years, progressively extended to 14 when the capacities (doli) (ability to form evil intent) was a matter for the judge to decide and the third stage—from 14 to 18 when the capacities doli was presumed.

"Under the Common Law of England the general rule is that no person is excused from punishment for disobedience to the law, unless he is expressly exempted by law. One exemption by law is infancy—a child under seven years of age cannot be guilty of any criminal offence.

"Once over that age a child was treated exactly as if he were an adult; he was tried in the ordinary criminal courts and if convicted punished as if he were an adult.

Boy executed

"For instance, in England, in the 16th century, a boy between eight and nine was executed for murdering two barns, and a boy of nine and a girl of 13 were executed in each case for murder.

"The first recognition by Parliament in England that juvenile offenders required special consideration was in the passing of the Reform Schools Act 1834 whereby the courts were empowered to send young offenders to certain existing institutions under the management of private philanthropic bodies.

"But it was not until the last years of that century that the statutory provision requiring them to undergo a preliminary term of imprisonment was abolished.

"This does not mean that there was no development during this period; there is no doubt that the factors were realised this was reflected by the Judges in the exercise of their discretion when assessing sentences.

"It seems strange to us now, that in 1834 the House Secretary, Sir William Harcourt, when called on to explain the frequency with which he recommended the remission of sentences in the case of young persons, was constrained to excuse his conduct on the ground that protracted imprisonment in such cases (the quoted instances such as throwing stones, breaking windows, playing pitch and toss, trespassing, bathing in a canal) has an injurious effect both upon the physical and moral nature of children of tender years.

"The child who has been guilty only of some mischievous or thoughtless prank which does not partake of the real character of crime finds himself committed with adult criminals guilty of heinous offences to the common goal.

Tainted by companions

"After a week or a fortnight's imprisonment he comes out of prison, tainted in character among his former companions and he soon lapses into the criminal class with whom he has been identified.

"Such an explanation, new and startling at the time, is now not only accepted as established fact in the sphere mentioned by Sir William Harcourt but has been extended to more serious offences.

"In England the first comprehensive system of Juvenile Courts was instituted under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933 and under the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance, 1934 in the Colony.

"Here we are concerned with juveniles coming within two groups, that of a 'child'—under the age of 14 and a 'young person'—14 years of age and upwards, and under the age of 16. Of course the Common Law rule that a child under seven years of age cannot be guilty of any criminal offence still applies.

"There are people who consider that leniency in dealing with juveniles is misplaced, that not only is the person who has committed the offence benefited by being further influenced by seeing the wrongdoer, but also

a juvenile is released on the ground that 'crime does not carry punishment'.

Revealing analysis

"In certain cases they are right, but only for the reason that in a particular case the magistrate miscalculated the factors and an error of judgment resulted. Indiscriminate punishment, particularly of juveniles, can work grievous harm on the social structure of the community. This is seen from an analysis of the records of prisoners.

"For instance an analysis of the records of the inmates of prisons in England during 1919 showed that over 53 per cent of habitual offenders had first been convicted and sent to prison before they were 16 and nearly 20 per cent more before they were 20, and during the five years before the war, it was found that 50 per cent of boys and girls between 16 and 17 sent to prison were back again within three years.

"Few of us now dispute the propositions that whilst the young are most prone to drift into criminal habits, they are also the most susceptible class of offender to wise methods of treatment, and that if it is possible to avoid sending a juvenile delinquent to prison, you increase his chances of keeping away from such places when he grows up.

"It has always been insisted in America that juvenile courts are, and have been from the beginning, in the nature of guardian's tribunals. Here, they have always been considered, as they are in England, to be criminal courts.

"In America the expressed attitude is that these courts are a concrete expression of the State's obligation to the child; a recognition that the child is in court as a result of conditions not of his own making, and that he has a valid claim against the State and is to be saved to it, not punished by it.

"This difference in approach need cause little concern; the result in practice is very similar. In the English Act it is provided that the Court, in dealing with a child or young person shall have regard to the welfare of the child or young person and in our juvenile Offenders Ordinance it is provided that the Court shall deal with the case in the best interests of the child or young person.

A long way

"We have travelled a long way since 1709, when an English criminal court laid it down that if a parent or master be provoked to a degree of passion by some misdeed of the child or servant, the parent or master shall proceed to correct the child or servant with a moderate weapon, and shall by chance give him an unlucky stroke so as to kill him, that is but a misadventure.

"When I was at school, prefects, their masters and the headmaster wielded the cane and it was not unusual to collect from all three sources in the course of one day; I'll tell your father was then a very real threat, which if carried out, and the offence admitted, resulted in a summary corporal punishment, usually in the presence of the complainant.

"What a difference now; with the exception of a few Public Schools, if a boy is caned at school, the person responsible would soon find himself in the local lock-up, and if a complainant is so foolish as to tell the father it usually results in a categorical denial and defence by the parent without any hearing of facts, perhaps followed by a bloody assault on the person of the complainant.

"The Trade Union system has altered the relationship between the master and his employees and apprentices, and the development of our educational system has altered the relationship between parents and children, with the result that there has been a progressive transference of authority from employers, parents and school masters to the juvenile courts.

"Poverty and ill health excepted, there is no doubt that the answer to the problem of juvenile delinquency is full employment—employment in the form of work, school, recreation and sleep.

"In Hong Kong the proportion of juvenile delinquency, that is crimes involving moral turpitude, is lower than in England; think the reason is that here there exists a system of apprenticeship and schooling which results in full employment for the majority of juveniles. In England most juveniles are left with a considerable portion of their day unorganised.

Social services

"This aspect of full employment is directly linked with social problems and, because work, in the form of improving

Reminders

Today

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, Beginner's Dress-making, 10 a.m.
Nine Dragon's Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA (Women's Section), Services informal dance 8 p.m.
Cheong Services Club, Amateur Night, 7 p.m.
Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, at board room of Love Bingham and Matthews, 11 a.m.
Charity Ball with novelty floor show, at Skyroom, Luna Park, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Fifth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Nine Dragon's Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
Wah Yan College, one-act plays, at College Theatre, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Tue H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragon's Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "The World Food Problem, and China" by Mr. Robert Hart, 8.45 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party to Shaolin, members to meet at the Kowloon Star Ferry 10.30 a.m.

and controlling the conditions under which juveniles are employed, school, in the provision of adequate primary, secondary and technical educational facilities; recreation, in the provision of adequate playing fields and in the establishment of sports, social, hobbies and camp clubs, sleep in the provision of adequate housing.

"It is easy for a magistrate, presiding over a juvenile court, to become appalled by the problems that beset him, and if he is to have any hope of carrying out his duties properly he must accept that, in his official capacity, he is in no way responsible for the social conditions which result in appearance before him.

"At most he can take these factors into account, take advantage of the facilities as are made available to him, and do his best to ensure that those who are a position to remedy the causes are aware of the relationship between juvenile delinquency and their functions.

"One final word, in considering juvenile delinquency one must keep a sense of proportion. If juveniles guilty of crimes involving moral turpitude amount to an average of five in every 1,000, then there are 995 in every 1,000 who need cause no concern in this respect.

"The social services, in so far as they are concerned with juveniles at all, are concerned with juveniles as a whole. Thus the provision of an additional playing field will give pleasure and provide other benefits to 995 out of every 1,000 who in any event need cause the police no anxiety.

"If you are concerned with youth organisation it is important to keep in mind your purpose—the development of your organisation will, undoubtedly, play its part in solving the problem of juvenile delinquency, but, and this seems to me to be vital, treat juveniles as law-abiding citizens, as manifestly by nature the majority of them are."

A hawkster Choi Kai, aged 20, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with indecently assaulting a 10-year-old girl on various dates during December 1949.

He was found guilty as charged and fined \$250 or two months' imprisonment. He was additionally bound over in a sum of \$250 for one year.

Mr. A. el Arculli is representing Sin Nam, while Detective Inspector A. M. McEneaney is in charge of prosecution's case.

It was alleged that at 3.35 p.m. on March 23 three of the accused entered the Kwok Leung Hong Transportation Company, on the first floor of 366 Des Voeux Road, Central, and forced all the inmates into the kitchen and after ransacking the premises escaped with \$3,100.75.

Once out in the street the men separated.

A former policeman, Chan Kwong, who became suspicious of the men followed them and in front of a tailor's shop at 55 Hollywood Road grappled with Sin Tso. It was alleged that Sin Tso pulled out his Mauser and opened fire at Chan. Sin Hei was alleged to have told the police that he too had fired on Chan.

Chan took refuge in the tailor's shop and blew his police whistle which was heard by two constables, Li Yuk-ming and Chik Kwai-wah, who were off duty at the time.

Governor visits school



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, photographed at the Hennessy Road School where he paid a visit yesterday. The photo shows Sir Alexander in the Practical Room where the students do carpentry.—(China Mail) Photo.

Armed robber suspects face committal proceedings at Central

The armed robbery of a Chinese transportation firm on March 26 when the armed robbers shot their way to freedom and during which several people, including three constables, were shot, was recalled yesterday at Central when committal proceedings against four men began before Mr. J. Reynolds.

The men charged with the robbery are Sin Nam, Sin Tso, alias Kong Tso, 31-year-old odd job painter, Ting Tung-hoi, aged 30, and Sin Hei, alias Lai Chi-lit, alias Sin Yu-ting, aged 31.

Sin Tso is additionally charged with wounding Police Constable Ting Tai-lun, while Sin Hei faces a charge of shooting Chan Kwong with intent to murder.

All are charged with the unlawful possession of one Mauser pistol, one revolver, one chisel and 20 rounds of ammunition. An additional charge of possession of a Browning automatic and 20 rounds of ammunition on March 30 at 170 Lockhart Road, ground floor, is preferred against Sin Nam.

Mr. A. el Arculli is representing Sin Nam, while Detective Inspector A. M. McEneaney is in charge of prosecution's case. It was alleged that at 3.35 p.m. on March 23 three of the accused entered the Kwok Leung Hong Transportation Company, on the first floor of 366 Des Voeux Road, Central, and forced all the inmates into the kitchen and after ransacking the premises escaped with \$3,100.75.

Once out in the street the men separated.

A former policeman, Chan Kwong, who became suspicious of the men followed them and in front of a tailor's shop at 55 Hollywood Road grappled with Sin Tso. It was alleged that Sin Tso pulled out his Mauser and opened fire at Chan. Sin Hei was alleged to have told the police that he too had fired on Chan.

Chan took refuge in the tailor's shop and blew his police whistle which was heard by two constables, Li Yuk-ming and Chik Kwai-wah, who were off duty at the time.

Both accused ran off but a little later Sin Hei retraced his steps and came back to the tailor's shop. Chan Kwong then shouted to Constable Ting Tai-lun, who at this time was coming along Hollywood Road, that a man was under arms. It was alleged that Sin Hei opened fire on Ting hitting him on the right leg.

After the shooting had died down it was discovered that a woman, Leung Yag, and a man Chan On, were also wounded in the shooting.

On March 29 the police under Mr. Johnston, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, acting on information received, arrested Ting Tung-hoi, outside 13 Li Tung Street. Ting took the police to the Heung Do Hotel in Tai Po Road where Sin Tso was arrested.

Sin Tso then took the police to the hillside up Battery Path where a Mauser pistol, 20 rounds of ammunition, two \$2 notes and a piece of paper bearing the chop of the Kwok Leung Hong Transportation Company. Sin Hei was arrested in Macao and after being brought back to Hong Kong, he led the police to 170 Lockhart Road where Sin Nam was arrested.

After corroborative evidence was given by several prosecution witnesses hearing was adjourned.

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The men, taking to their heels, left their weapons on the floor, it was learned.

Nos. 4 and 16 King's Road, formerly used as Bay View Police Station, were derequisitioned and handed back to the owner Wednesday. It was officially announced yesterday.

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East River overflows its banks

Heavy rainfall since April 24 has resulted in the East River overflowing its banks at a number of points, according to Chinese Press messages from Walchow yesterday.

Walchow city itself has been partly submerged by the flood waters. People are doing their shopping and marketing by sampan in the city.

The counties affected are Walchow, Pohlo, Ho Yuen, Chi Kam, Lung Chuen, Lin Ping, Wo Ping and Sin Fung. Parts of these counties were said to be completely submerged.

Highway communications in the East River region have also been affected by the flood waters.

Court Brevities

Two Kiangsu men, Tong Ming-wu and Ho Sau-ching, respectively charged with larceny of two gold bars, valued at \$400, and aiding and abetting in the larceny, were sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. Cairns stated that defendants and complainant, Kwai Yuen-ming, who first met in the Shanghai railway station, came here on April 22 and stayed at the same lodging house. Two days later at a tea house, first defendant, who was entrusted with the gold, slipped out on the pretext that he was going to the washroom. A minute later second defendant followed first defendant in leaving the tea house.

When defendants were arrested on the Hong Kong side where they had taken up lodging one of the gold bars had been sold for \$230 and first defendant had given second defendant \$50 with which he had bought a suitcase.

Cheung Choi, proprietor of the Wai Hing Book Shop, 41 Nathan Road, who was commended in 1949 for his assistance to the police in the arrest of an armed robber, was fined \$100 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of exhibiting indecent pictures in his shop.

Defendant said that the pictures were left there for sale by a friend. Inspector G. Davitt prosecuted.

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Ordinance 1897 made an Or-
der limiting the time for credi-
tors and others to send in their
claims against the above Estate
to the Twenty-sixth day of
May 1950.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send in their claims on or be-
fore that date to the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank Hongkong
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Hongkong, the duly appointed
Executor of the will of the
abovenamed deceased.

Dated this 26th day of April
1950.

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NOTICE
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Notice is hereby given that
the forty-first Ordinary
General Meeting of the
Company will be held at
the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell
& Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong-
kong Bank Building, on Tues-
day, the 9th May 1950, at 11
a.m. for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report and Statement
of Accounts for the year ended
31st December 1949.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
25th April to 9th May 1950,
both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, April 14, 1950.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS
ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the
Boys' and Girls' Clubs Asso-
ciation will be held in the
Lecture Room, Public Relations
Office, Statue Square, Hong
Kong on Friday, May 12th,
1950 at 5.30 p.m. All who are
interested in the work of the
Association are cordially in-
vited, but only members will
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ry Yearly Meeting of
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at the Offices of the
Undersigned on Wednesday
the 17th May, 1950, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Consulting
Committee together with a
Statement of Account for the
year ended 31st December
1949, electing Members of the
Consulting Committee and ap-
pointing Auditors.

The Register of Members
and Transfer Books will be
closed from the 3rd May to
the 17th May, 1950, both days
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Hong Kong, April 26, 1950.

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Notice is hereby given that
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money by
false pretences

Sentences of nine months
and six months hard labour
were respectively imposed on
two unemployed men, Chung
Ngau and Sun Chi-keung, by
Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kow-
loon yesterday on two charges
of obtaining and attempting to
obtain money by false pre-
tences.

Defendants were alleged to
have obtained \$500 from Kwok
Chuen, married woman, on March
3 on the pretence that they could
obtain the release of the woman's
husband, Li Man, who is now
detained in the Victoria Remand
Prison awaiting deportation.

Kwok Chuen giving evidence
said that on March 1 defendants,
whom she knew, had tea with her
in a tea house where they dis-
cussed her husband's affairs.

There second defendant was
alleged to have told complain-
ant that whether her husband
was released or banished rest-
ed entirely with him as he was
the one who had Li Man re-
leased. Witness said that \$3,000
was demanded of her for the
release of her husband.

Asked for \$200

The next day first defendant
came to her and asked \$200 for
expenses. Saying that she had
no money, she arranged for an-
other meeting the next day and
later she reported to the Yuenai
Police Station. A trap was set
and a marked \$500 note was
handed over to first defendant at
a prearranged meeting at the tea
house.

When sentences were pronoun-
ced by Mr. d'Almada the wives
of the defendants raised a com-
motion, umbrellas and fists were
raised against the complainant
who stayed behind while the
police escorted the querulous
women out of the Magistrate's
court.

First defendant Chung Ngau
had a previous conviction on a
similar offence. Inspector C.
Dowman prosecuted.

ROYAL SIGNALS
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In view of the large numbers
of ex Royal Signals Personnel now
resident in Hong Kong and Kow-
loon, it is felt that a local branch
of the Royal Signals Association
might be welcomed, said an offi-
cial Army announcement yester-
day.

All former members of the
Corps and WRAC (ATS) Signal
Units who are interested should
send their names and addresses
to the Chief Signal Officer, Head-
quarters Land Forces.

If sufficient interest is forth-
coming, a meeting will be ar-
ranged. All letters received will
be acknowledged.

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The following contributions to the
Kowloon Union Church, Organ and Re-
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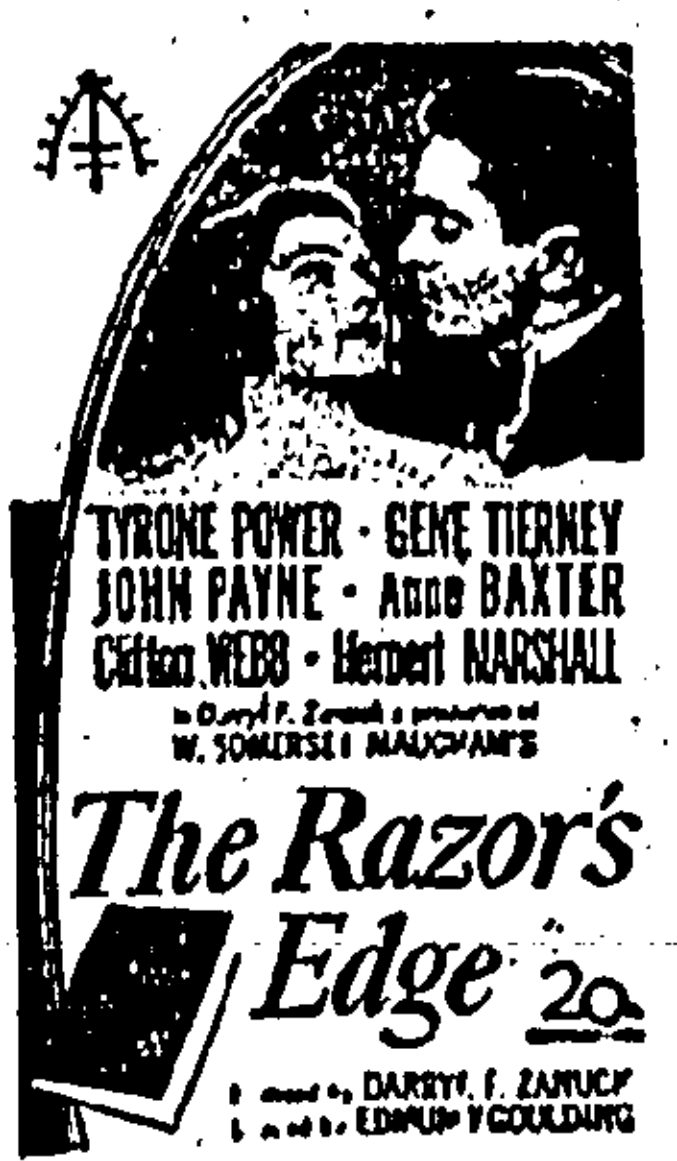
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some one fundamental point of
play. That point may be some-
thing done by the declarer or
something by one or both defend-
ers. If it is handled just right by
the indicated individual or in-
dividuals, his side gets a fine result.
If it is mishandled, the other side
profits. In most cases, these cru-
cial features are more or less
simple and basic. The player
who treats them correctly need
not worry too much about fancy
plays.

quite sound logic. The 2 was
played from dummy, East put in
the J and the Q won. The heart
K was scored and the J finessed
to the Q. East shifted to the
spade 3, South playing the 8 and
West winning with the 10. Now
the club 3 was led, the K going
on from dummy. East couldn't
let that win as a re-entry for the
established hearts, so won with
his A, hoping thereby he would
block the dummy. But South put
his 10 under the A, leaving the
9 high in the suit. The spade 5
return was won by the A, the
club 6 to the 9 made possible,
four ensuing heart tricks and two
diamond tops finished the hand
to give South an extra trick.

At another table, where West
led the club 4 against 3-No
Trumps and the 2 went on, East
played his 8 so he could retain
his A over the K-9 in the dum-
my. Now you figure out how
South can bring in dummy's
heart if you can. This South
tried to develop the diamond J
as a re-entry by leading toward
it, but as you will see this failed,
with the Q sitting over it. There-
after South struggled around and
got himself set three tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem

Dealer: East. North-South
vulnerable.

East South West North

Pass 1 S Pass 2 H

Pass 3 D Pass 3 H

Pass 3 NT

Many opened this deal with 1-

Diamond instead of 1-Spade, and

a sizable number of pairs in the

tournament wound up in a heart

game which produced an extra

trick where the club J was

guessed successfully, game where

it was not.

Both good and bad scores came

where the contract was 3-No

Trumps. Let's follow the play

where South got his good score.

West led the club 4 because his

hand was so weak and he hoped

to develop something for East.

What would you consider the

soundest bidding of this deal?

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Rabbit, 4 Spooks, 6

Faust, 10 Minor, 12 Arrack, 14

Referee, 17 Fret, 19 Achieve, 20

Release, 22 Oral, 23 Oddment, 27

10 Ever, 16 Eyelid, 18 Even, 30

Round, 31 Ladies, 34 Dread,

Down—1 Editor, 2 Teeth, 3 News,

4 Museum, 5 Fume, 6 Centre, 7 Spite,

8 Treason, 9 Inferno, 13 Racked,

14 Live-on, 15 Impres, 16 Look,

17 Education, 18 fondly,

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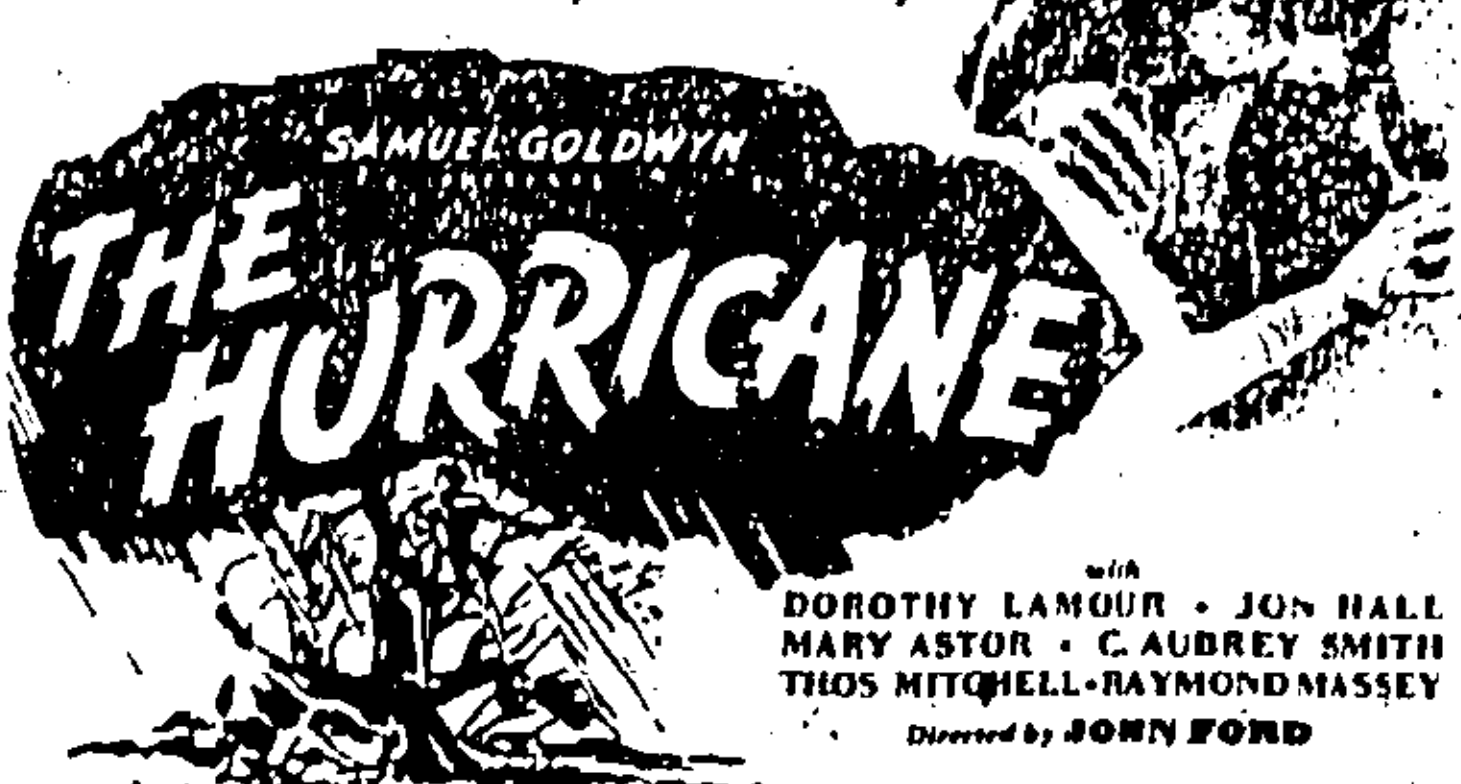
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CINEMA WORLD

EXCELLENT PLOT, SUPERB ACTING IN OSCAR FILM

Bergman stars in drama

Rating: * * *
Lovers of heavy drama will go away satisfied from the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, where Ingrid Bergman stars in Alfred Hitchcock's "Under Capricorn."

Although not one of Hitchcock's best pictures, "Under Capricorn" has nevertheless that little something that makes it fairly enjoyable film fare.

The story is set in Australia in 1831, when the growing British colony was being built up mainly by the work of convicts who, after serving their sentences, could become free citizens.

Against this background is traced the drama of a freed convict, his wife, and a wild young Irishman who loses his heart to her, forming thus the Eternal Triangle.

Complications set in when Miss Bergman, the object of the Irishman's affection, turns out to be a rather weak-willed lass. There is jealousy between the men (Husband Joseph Cotten and Also-Ran Michael Wilding), and their affairs are further complicated by a housekeeper's passionate devotion to Cotten and insane hatred of the other two.

Mr. Hitchcock, in handling the plot, has been able to extract a fair amount of suspense from such tangled human relationships before he steers the ship back again into shallow and safe waters.

Miss Bergman, on the whole, turns in a fine acting job, although it cannot be compared with her portrayal of Joan of Arc. Joseph Cotten is good as her husband, while Michael Wilding disappoints a bit as the third point of the triangle.

EXCELLENT DRAMA DUE AT KING'S

"The Window," an excellent melodrama that has enough meat on it to keep the most thrill-seeking movie audience satisfied, is due to start at the King's Theatre next week.

An RKO-Radio picture, the film stars young Bobby Driscoll (of Walt Disney fame), who turns in a performance that is remarkable. With a charming simplicity that puts many so-called Hollywood veterans to shame, Bobby carries the picture along at a fast clip. His acting definitely deserves recognition.

"The Window" is excellent film fare — a human drama packed with suspense.



BRODERICK CRAWFORD AND FRIENDS
He knew how to win.

Rating: * * * * *
A film that carries a tremendous punch and is an excellent lesson in American politics and human character is opening at the Roxy and Broadway tomorrow. It is the triple Oscar award winner for 1949, "All The King's Men." The film had its Gala Premiere on Wednesday, with the Governor and Lady Grantham attending, and the audience who saw America's No. 1 picture came away well satisfied: it is an excellent show.

Britons who see the picture will probably be bewildered by the way politicians rise to power in the United States. The American process is something so entirely unscrupulous and dirty to make such men as Lord Woolton and Mr. Herbert Morrison look like vicars wives compared with their opposite numbers across the Atlantic.

The pursuit of power at any price is a passion which can drive and consume others besides American politicians. The fascination of this story of the rise and fall of a minor dictator lies in the fact that it runs parallel to the stories of the major dictators who, too, achieved and held dominance through trickery, intimidation, blackmail and bloodshed.

Willie Stark (Broderick Crawford) is a rough, hefty, smalltown character who denounces the local authorities as corrupt, and is thus established as an honest man. He is asked by a group of big-time politicians, playing a game of their own, to run for Governor. He discovers they are merely using him to split the "hick" vote — that they never intended him to win the election. He does, in fact, lose it — but has found out enough about how a dirty game is played to enter politics on his own account and win the next time.

His appeal to the people is that he is a man of the people striving to do something for the people. He promises to build schools, hospitals, highways — and he builds them. They stand as monuments to the corruption with which he surrounds himself. The constituents he cannot impress with a show of good works he buys or breaks. Justice is a joke. He owns the police. Honest people are drawn into his dishonesty and morally destroyed through contact with him.

It might be argued — but not convincingly — that the film shows how a good man deteriorates under the corrupting influence of power. Our opinion of Willie Stark is voiced by the man who tells him coldly: "You could always use words. The words are still good, but you're not — I don't believe you can win."

"All The King's Men" is one of the best Hollywood attempts to fuse studio and documentary styles, and the life story of Stark is told in choppy and dramatic incidents, abounding in realism.

Mr. Robert Rossen's direction is very fine and free from affectation, and Broderick Crawford's performance superb. He has admirable support from Mr. John Ireland as the young reporter who tells the bitter story, Miss Mercedes McCambridge as a calculating secretary, Miss Joanne Dru as a hypnotised society girl, and a score of other players.

Suspense film now at King's

Rating: * * *
"Pitfall," co-starring Dick Powell and Elizabeth Scott, and featuring Jane Wyatt, is now at the King's Theatre. Adapted from the novel, "The Pitfall" by Jay Dratler, the film scores as a suspense drama with a full measure of romance.

Dick Powell is cast in the role of John Forbes, an average young American in his thirties who earns his living as a claim adjuster for a large insurance company. On the very day that his prosaic day-by-day existence of working at the office and coming home each night at the same time to his wife (Jane Wyatt) and little son (Jimmy Hunt) starts getting on his nerves, he meets up with a new case that changes his life completely.

This new case involves sultry Mona Stevens, played by Elizabeth Scott, who is involved with an embezzler now in jail by the name of Smiley (Byron Barr). As Special Investigator, Dick meets Mona and is so strongly drawn toward her that he loses all sense of discretion.

A detective called MacDonald, played by Raymond Burr, who is deeply in love with Mona, hounds Dick unmercifully and succeeds in creating a situation that leads to tragedy when Smiley gets out of jail. The story ends with Dick more than happy to go back to the life that once seemed so humdrum.

In every picture, since he gave up musicals for straight drama, Dick Powell has proved he is a fine actor, and in "Pitfall" he turns in another fine performance.

Elizabeth Scott is also to be commended in the role of the bewildered girl torn between her new-found love and loyalty to the man who stole for her son. As Dick's wife, Jane Wyatt, always a charming actress, also merits her share of kudos.

Raymond Burr, as the detective, makes his role stand out forcefully. In supporting roles are such fine players as Byron Barr, John Littel, Ann Dorn and Selmer Jackson.

Film News starts third year

With next month's issue — which will be on sale on Monday — the "Hong Kong Film and Theatre News" starts its third year of publication. As in the past, the new issue of this popular magazine is again full of interesting articles and pictorial lay-outs about Hollywood, its stars and coming attractions.

There are stories on two coming films — "You Gotta Stay Happy" and "Yes Sir, That's My Baby" — pictorial lay-outs on "The Heiress" and "The Perfect Woman" and a personality sketch of Montgomery Clift.

The film story of the month is "The Lady Gambles," a film which stars Barbara Stanwyck. A special feature is a full-page of photos showing the welcome Hong Kong gave Miss Linda Christian.

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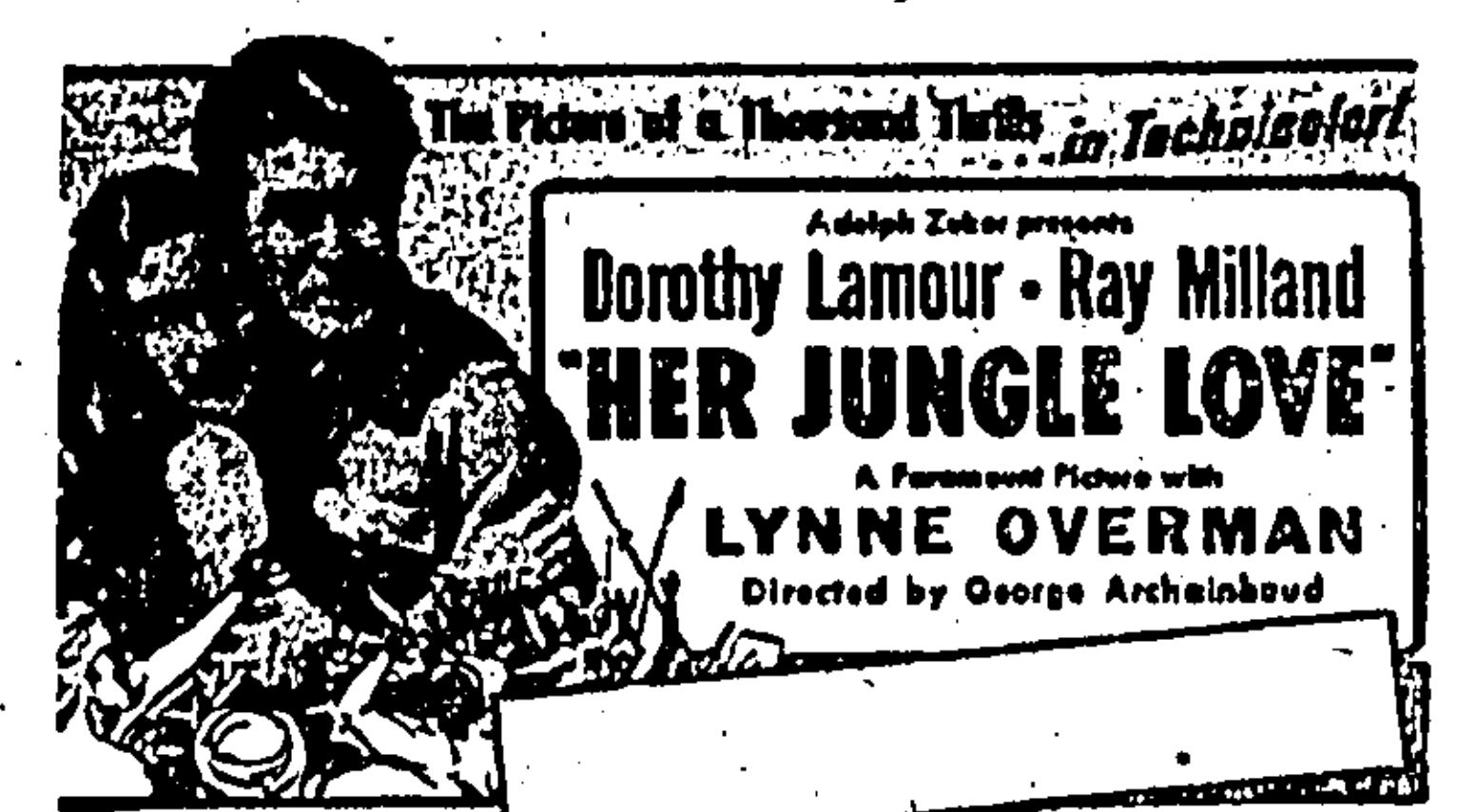
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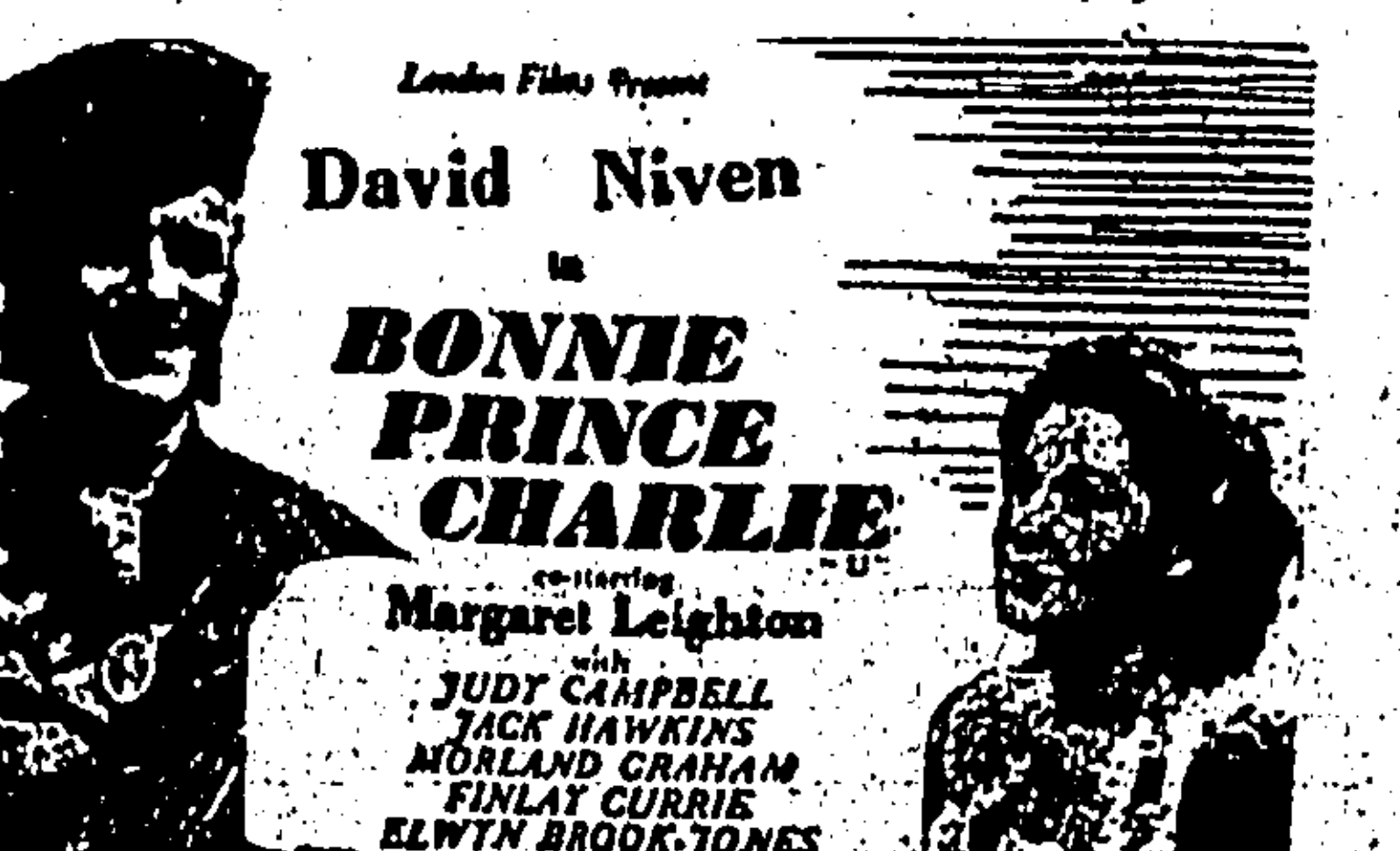
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THE PROBLEM OF EXALTATION

The recent speeches of Mr. Dean Acheson and President Truman set the tone for the forthcoming conference of the American, British and French Foreign Ministers a fortnight hence. Any hope that Moscow may have cherished of a new approach on the basis of the Kremlin's gains in China has been exploded. It is a conference to build up strength in the West and to stop Communism, not to negotiate a new Munich or a new Yalta.

The problem of negotiating the differences with Russia is being left to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to tackle. Mr. Trygve Lie is now in Europe on this difficult mission, and one of the latest proposals he has put forward is that a special session be called of the Security Council, to be attended by Foreign Ministers or even heads of member States. The strengthening of the bipartisan policy in the United States has removed any temptation to pull off a spectacular or pyrrhic coup by the Administration which might influence the November elections. While direct negotiations meanwhile are practically ruled out, action through the United Nations is consistent with the bipartisan policy.

It is doubtful, however, whether Mr. Lie will be successful in his effort. Moscow seems to have stiffened its position a good deal since the arrangements with the Government in Peking. The American High Commissioner in Germany, Mr. McCloy, told a House Committee in Washington that in his judgment increased Soviet pressure did not proceed from fear of attack, or a sense of inferiority on the part of the Russians, but "because they feel their strength and immediate hope of success." Since then we have had the Baltic aircraft incident and all that went with it. The argument used to be that the Kremlin was getting its own way by its own peculiar methods without war, and while being set on continuing to impose its will would not risk war. They were "realists," it was said—realists who knew that any Power that set out to conquer the world would in the end be doomed to defeat. But one of the most able of all American columnists, Anne O'Hara McCormick, pointed out two or three weeks ago in the "N.Y. Times" that most fresh reports from Moscow and the capitals of Eastern Europe confirm the opinion that the Soviet leaders are exalted by the sense of growing power. A visitor to Moscow reports that the change in the atmosphere in recent months is startling. "The victory in China has gone to their heads like new wine; now they think they are equal to anything." Frightened Germans from the Eastern Zone who flee to Berlin believe that the Russians do not wish to resolve

the conflict in Germany in a peaceful way. The only question in their minds is when and how Russia will put Western strength to the test. It is a dangerous phase, and the Russian mood is the least likely to encourage hope of any accommodation on any but Stalin's own terms. Certainly the change brought about in China is quite phenomenal. It is not merely a matter of the new Pact. The internal situation has been transformed even more than foreign policy by the State economic policy. The pace of the economic revolution must have left even the Communist doctrinaires themselves breathless. The State today has practically everything, either in its possession or in its control; what we would like to know is how efficient or inefficient that control is. On paper at least the long and tumultuous years of the Soviet Revolution have been snapped down to a few months. If paralysis and confusion do not ensue in equal speed and range it will be a miracle.

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Not large enough

Since the end of the war there has been some revival of the flow of British capital. This was brought about by repayment to India of the sterling balances. But it has done no more than make good the ravages of war. It has not been large enough to set afoot a new dynamic age in India's economy. At the same time the political changes in India have made the local capitalists more than ever cautious. Local capital is being hoarded, not used.

India's supreme need is capital. A relatively small investment, if wisely planned, could bring quite disproportionate improvement. Indians themselves estimate that if the United States could be induced to invest \$500,000,000—less than one year's Marshall Aid in the United Kingdom—this would make the difference of tipping India over from frustration to boom.

The need for capital is all the greater because India is nearing the end of its sterling balances which have given it a call on the United Kingdom since the end of the war. By 1952 the balances still available will be quite small. One reason why America might be persuaded to invest

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capital in India is that it would thereby stabilise the political situation. But, conversely, the uneasy political situation is one of the reasons why American capital is shy of coming to India. It is a vicious circle. The main political trouble in India is conflict with Pakistan. But the domestic situation also, is scarcely reassuring.

Salient features

What are its salient features? Recently there have been some vivid talks on the BBC by Mr. Lionel Fielden, who, before the war, was the first organiser of

Hindu Mahasabha and the semi-military organisation called the RSS. This is the semi-Fascist organisation of militant Hindus who are trying to reshape India's society on the lines of the past. Mr. Fielden says, "If the extreme Hindu faction were to gain power, India would be a very different country from that represented by Congress. It would be a country of nationalism, caste, discipline, and reaction."

Reds well organised

Other visitors to India feel that the triumph of Communism would be more likely than the

By "Windrush" Special Correspondent

All-India Radio. Fielden has been re-visiting India for the celebration of the inauguration of the Republic. His comments were enlightening.

"It seemed to me that although Nehru looked distinguished and charming on the top of the Indian elephant, and Mr. Patel was a most dexterous mahout, the elephant itself was not behaving quite as one might have hoped. Every revolutionary party is indeed beset with difficulties when it comes to power. But I was surprised to find so much criticism of Congress.

"The old changes of nepotism and corruption and extravagance, so familiar under the British Raj, seemed no less valid under Congress. There could be no doubt about the split between its Right Wing, advocating a severely Hindu and nationalist outlook, and the Left, representing the tolerance and internationalism of Nehru.

To the casual observer it does not seem that the Congress Party, while it is sure to win the next election, will last for very long. The question then arises—what will follow if the Congress Party gets in?"

Mr. Fielden takes seriously the danger of a triumph of the

triumph of the Mahasabha. This will not come at once. But the Communists, though still a very small party, are well organised. And in the Indian economy and social system they have almost perfect ground on which to work.

"The average income of an agricultural family of five," says Mr. Fielden, "is officially reckoned at £25 a year. Sixty per cent of the agricultural holdings are less than two acres. There are some 3,000,000 consumptives in India and 7,000 beds. Almost no progress has been made in the conquest of ill-health."

Perhaps the greatest disappointment in the present politics of India is the failure of the Socialist Party of Mr. Jai Prakash Narain to gain strength. It simply cannot gain support from the country. If it could do so, the Socialists would provide what is so urgently needed—a non-revolutionary opposition to Congress, an alternative to Congress which would not simply be disaster.

Falling the Socialists there are now only the two alternatives to Congress which Mr. Fielden describes, the Mahasabha and the Communists.

Death of an author

The most melancholy event in English literature this year has been the premature death of George Orwell. Articles are still appearing about him in the press, as the critics try to assess his place in literary and social history.

George Orwell was more entirely the product of our times than perhaps any living writer. He was obsessed with anxieties which are peculiar to the last 20 years.

His life history was curious and dramatic. His real name was Eric Blair. He was educated at Eton, and Cyril Connolly, the critic and novelist, who was at school with him, has described the vivid impression which he made on his contemporaries. Rather incongruously for a boy of his temperament, he joined the Burma police. But he could not stomach the British imperial system, and he resigned. In later life he wrote a novel about Burma, catching with great accuracy the atmosphere of the last years of British rule there.

On his return to Europe he entered on the most eccentric phase of his life. For a time he became a waiter in a Paris restaurant, which was run by Arabs. Later he crossed to England, and for a time lived as a tramp. Afterwards he got a job as attendant to a lunatic. These years are described in his autobiographical book "Down and Out in Paris and London."

Fame through novel

He first made his fame with a novel about the great depression in Lancashire, "The Road to Wigan Pier". He went to fight in the Spanish Civil War and was badly wounded. Thereafter, he wrote chiefly political essays, and political allegories rather like the great masters of this art of the past, Swift and Voltaire.

He became passionately alarmed at the spiritual dangers of Communism, and his last two books, "Animal Farm" and "1984", were savage attacks on Russia and on Communism. They sold in enormous numbers in Britain and America.

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was his hatred of the English class system. The other was his hatred of Russian Communism.

Hatred dominates work

The second hatred dominated his later work. It is for this that he—along with that other extraordinary figure Arthur Koestler—is famous. Yet it is the first obsession which is psychologically the more interesting, and which made Orwell peculiarly representative of the intelligentsia of the years before the war.

The 10 years between the onset of the great depression in 1929 and the beginning of the war in 1939 will go down in history as the time of extreme radicalism among the English writers. It was not a time of political radicalism. That did not come until some years later, after the election of 1945, when the propaganda of the writers had time to work its effect.

The thing which most disturbed the writers of the time was the class structure of English society. It was not only that the existence of the social injustice tested against the social justice of the existence of privileged and wealthy classes. They argued that the class divisions distorted all normal living. The middle-class, out of their desire to remain middle-class shut themselves off from the mass of the people, and clung to a narrow conventional life. They lived in fear—fear of losing their class status.

It was this attitude which Orwell and his contemporaries challenged. They made a great deal of stir at the time. In retrospect some of them look rather ridiculous. They were all of middle-class origin. But in their reaction against their own class, some of them invented the myth of Proletarian Man as a heroic type in modern society.

Orwell's own attitude was not so unintelligent, but it was very extraordinary. He hated sordid life, mean streets, slovenliness, dirt, noise. But because so large a proportion of mankind was forced to endure these conditions of life, he voluntarily gave himself up to living a proletarian life.

In a way it was an act of renunciation like that of some of the mystics of the Middle Ages—St. Francis of Assisi for example. But, in their case, either the motive of their renunciation was usually love of humanity, or else love of humanity was the consequence of their renunciation. Orwell, on the contrary, continued until the end to be disgusted by life as lived by the masses.

The irony of Orwell's life was that, with all his determination to inflict proletarian life on himself, he never really understood it. With an unerring eye he seemed always to choose the scummiest, most squalid parts of life—and these are not really typical of the life of the masses. That is, he lived, at least in the towns, with a certain gusto. But this disgusted Orwell entirely.

Those saucers again

Flying saucers—no matter whether they are real or imagined, the craze is certainly catching.

From America the mysterious missiles have now spread to Spain, where a psychiatrist, an astronomer, a philosopher, an air pilot, and Madrid's Airport Chief have all given their opinions on the "saucers" that are supposed to have been seen over their country, writes William Stutard.

The psychiatrist believes that the "saucers" are all imagined—the result of too much talk about super-war weapons.

The astronomer favours "small meteorites" from another planet. The philosopher philosophically believes that there may be some truth in the stories, but that no amount of guess-work can solve the problem and therefore people should not waste time discussing the problem.

Finally, the air-pilot and the Airport Chief, taking a more official point of view, wisely announce that they have an "open mind" on the matter.

Meanwhile newspaper offices all over Spain are receiving hundreds of letters and telephone calls every week reporting more "flying saucers."

Many of the stories are fantastic, and some hint at interplanetary invasions. Others maintain that the "saucers" seen could have been launched only by the Incas, who, hidden in unexplored regions of the Andes, are busy preparing vengeance against the rest of the world.

Undisturbed by any of the comments, the "saucers" continue to fly.

Extremes

Cold comfort for house-hunters comes from Ritchie McEwen who reports from Vienna that Austrians face a housing shortage as severe as any in Europe.

Although the black market in Austria has been officially declared to be at an end, the widespread abuses in rents, which started immediately after the war, continue unabated.

Some flat owners are asking as much as three years' rent in advance, and the new familiar "key" money is the rule rather than the exception in the Austrian city.

Very few Austrians can afford to invest in a flat even if they can find one, and instead must have recourse to taking a "sublet" in an occupied flat—at an exorbitant price.

At the other end of the scale, however, the controlled rents in the huge working class blocks of flats built before the war have not been raised at all. Now, because of devaluation, a two or three-roomed flat in the suburbs may cost no more than 1/6 a week.

As a result, a worker who lived in Vienna at the end of the war has to pay only the price of an Austrian packet of cigarettes for a fine self-contained flat, while the newcomer to the city may have to pay 10 times as much for a bed-sitting room.



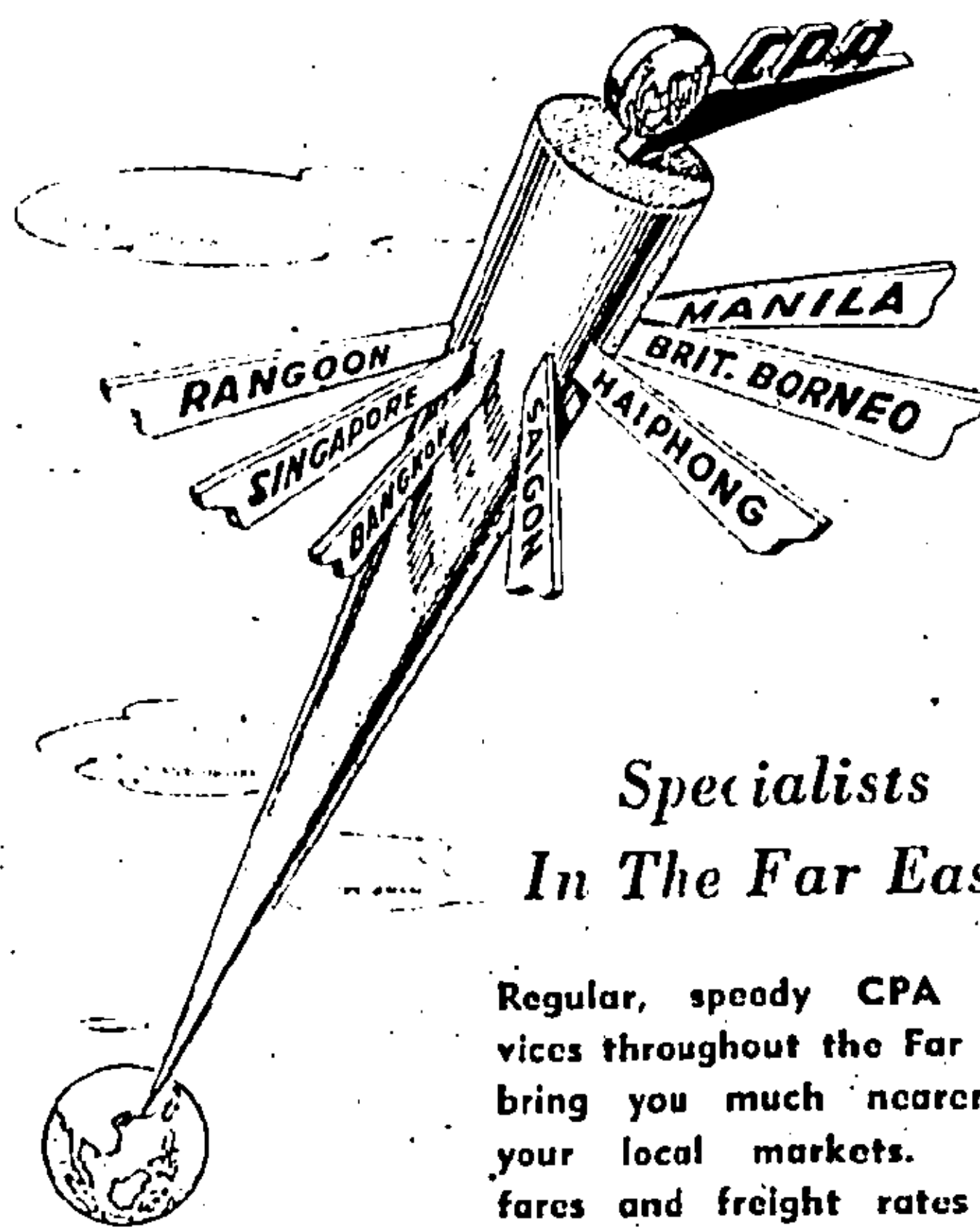
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Sharks escorted a surf boat for quite a distance in Australian waters. They wanted to enjoy the crew.

Another of those interesting paradoxes is that the King of Siam's coronation is to be held in camera—without photographers.

"King Farouk rank as U.K. general." Come, now, let's not be rude about it.

Wheel them in.

The Labour Government has to stretch point these days to ensure even a slender majority vote, but they feel it ill becomes any of their supporters to halt the progress of the well fare state by lame excuses, all of which are considered invalid.

In view of the rising price of meat, Mary will soon be the only one who can afford a little lamb.

In Rangoon they are anyting that Thakin Nu all the answers, even though some of the people are just Karen.

Couldn't happen here. "Riad Gnl. 31, secretary to the Queen Mother of Egypt, yesterday obtained a marriage licence to marry her daughter."

The Archduke's grandson who has been imprisoned for theft was unable to plead a noble act. In fact, his testimony was baron of any excuses.

Strike me pink.

Invalid port—London.

After all the rumours that have been Teheran round, Princess Fatima has been forgiven. I'm Shah glad to hear that she said.

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These booming, zooming, word-beating circulation figures we heard so much about last one time—what can have happened to them? Could it be...? No, not that, surely.

Myrtle thinks a pillow line is a row of gym shoes.

Without comment.

Yesterday's prize paragraph: "Because of charges that he is anti-American, Dr. Hans Schlange Schoeninger will not come to New York as West Germany's first consul-general. He will go to London instead."

It's tough he'll change it, sir.

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APPROACH TO RUSSIA ON ATOMIC CONTROL DISCUSSED IN LONDON

Preparing for talks of "Big Three" ministers

London, April 26.

The tripartite Working Party preparing for next month's "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' conference met in plenary session today and is believed to have reviewed the question of a fresh approach to the Soviet Union on atomic control.

No conclusion on this issue can be reached by the Working Party and it is believed that the experts simply reported on the prevailing trend of official opinion in their respective capitals.

The experts, according to a usually reliable source, have agreed to tackle first matters which will also come before the North Atlantic Pact Council meeting here in mid-May so that the other nine Governments concerned can be acquainted with the discussion.

COMMONS QUERIES ON JAPAN

London, April 26.

Members of Parliament asked the Government today to remind General MacArthur that Britain played her full part in the Pacific during the war and that British interests in Japan should be treated accordingly.

William Teeling (Conservative) said General MacArthur's Headquarters recently stated they were not responsible for what the Japanese Government did with regard to British subjects in Japan. He wanted to know with whom the British representative in Japan could discuss such matters.

"Can the British representative in Japan meet the Japanese Prime Minister?" he asked. "When matters arise with the Japanese Government for which MacArthur's Headquarters say they hold no responsibility, the Japanese Government acts as it pleases."

Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, said Mr. Teeling had misunderstood the situation. He said General MacArthur was always prepared to take into account representations made by the British liaison mission, but the British representative could not make representations to the Japanese Prime Minister.

John Paton (Labour) asked Mr. Younger for a plain statement, to make clear that the Japanese Government could not do as it pleased about British interests and that it was still governed by the provisions of the Potsdam Conference.

Mr. Younger said the situation in Japan had not changed during the past two or three years regarding SCAP responsibilities. Other Members pressed for a more positive statement and C. L. Hale (Lab) asked Mr. Younger to make a formal statement of British rights in Japan.

He added: "Will you also call the attention of the appropriate authority, even if it be the Supreme Commander, to the fact that Britain did take some part in the Pacific?"—United Press.

DETERIORATION IN SE ASIA

London, April 26. The "London Times" notes a deterioration of barriers to Communism in South East Asia during the past half year. In its main editorial, the "Times" said: "The situation there has grown worse in the past six months, and in Burma, Indo-China, Malaya and Indonesia there has been a weakening of the democratic forces which are the only dependable barrier against the advance of Communism."—Associated Press.

Labour Party preparing for next election

London, April 26. The Labour Party, with a precarious majority in Parliament, announced today that it will begin drafting its programme for the next national elections during a private conference of its leaders from May 19 to 21.

The Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, and his Cabinet will confer with the Trade Union Congress General Council and leaders of the Co-operative Union at Beatrice Webb House, Dorking, Surrey.

The discussions will be private, and no statement will be issued afterwards.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN DELAYING TACTICS

London, April 26.

An American spokesman charged today that Russia is delaying writing a treaty of independence for Austria because Russia does not want to withdraw Communist troops from the occupied country.

The spokesman's comment came after the 252nd meeting of the Deputy Foreign Ministers of Britain, the U.S., France and Russia, who are attempting to draft an Austrian treaty.

"Apparently Russia is now using new tactics for delay," a U.S. spokesman said.

"Russia's Deputy (Georgi Zorub) Soviet Ambassador to London) read a long prepared statement accusing Austria of violating demilitarization and demilitarization regulations of the Allied Commission in Vienna," the spokesman said. The charges had already been found untrue by the Allied Commission.

Meanwhile, Britain, the U.S., and France are consulting on a plan to end military rule in their zones of Austria and appoint civilian high commissioners.

Discussion of the matter has been going on through diplomatic channels.

The suggested appointment of civilian high commissioners is part of a plan to cut the occupation costs for Austria, which is labouring heavily under the additional tax burden.

Government officials have several times made representations for some reduction in these costs.

The plan has not yet gone far enough to say whether or by how much the number of Western troops might be reduced.—Associated Press.

BURMESE ENVOY IN PEKING

San Francisco, April 26.

The arrival of the Burmese charge d'affaires in Peking was reported by the Chinese Communist radio.

The Burmese diplomat, who has gone to Peking to conduct talks on the establishment of diplomatic relations, was welcomed at the railway station by the Protocol Chief of the Chinese Communist Foreign Office, according to the broadcast.

This is the first instance that mention has been made of a high diplomatic official welcoming an envoy from a country outside the Soviet sphere at the Peking station.—United Press.

Singapore, April 26.

Seven persons were injured when bullets tossed two grenades into a tea shop in Kuala Lumpur, the Malayan capital, last night. Police arrested two Chinese.—Associated Press.

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RECOGNITION ISSUE RAISED IN COMMONS

London, April 26.

The Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, told the House of Commons today the British Government has not yet been able to establish formal diplomatic relations with Communist China.

Mr. Younger was asked if he could state the scope and purpose of the procedural and preliminary discussions now in progress in Peking.

Fitzroy Maclean (Conservative) asked why such preliminaries are necessary when the establishment of diplomatic relations is usually quite a simple matter.

Mr. Younger replied: "We had hoped that would be the case, but it takes two to make a bargain, and we are trying to establish these relations as soon as we can."

Mr. Younger said the next step in the establishment of relations rests with the Peking Government. On March 17 the British Government had given oral replies to certain questions asked by the Peking Government and no reply had yet been received.

"A number of questions were asked relating to membership of the United Nations and other matters," said Mr. Younger.

He did not indicate what additional questions were posed by the Peking Government as preconditions for the establishment of relations.

It is understood, however, that Peking is insisting that it must be given assurance of British support in the United Nations and in its claims to Taiwan.

KMT assets

It is also understood that the Communists are insisting that Britain should hand over any Chinese Nationalist assets remaining in the British Commonwealth and Empire.

Mr. Younger told Parliament that the British Government could get no information regarding the crews of two British merchant ships seized by the Chinese Nationalists while running the China coast blockade.

He was asked how many members of the two ship crews had been imprisoned, killed or injured and what steps are being taken to compensate their dependants.

"So far as is known, none of the officers or crew of these two merchant ships has been imprisoned, killed or injured, and the question of compensation does not arise," he answered.—United Press.

BURMA AMNESTY EXPECTED

Rangoon, April 26.

The Burmese Government is expected to offer amnesty soon to all rebels who lay down their arms.

The offer is expected to extend to both the Communists and the White Band PVOs, provided they are not guilty of murder, rape or banditry.

The Government's original amnesty offer, made on March 14, 1949, covered only certain classes of rebels.—Associated Press.

CEYLON CLASH

Colombo, April 26.

Two police warrant officers, a civilian and several police constables were injured by bricks and bottles thrown by estate labourers in a clash today at Kununegala, six miles North East of Colombo.

Police believe that the clash, which began when police arrived to break up a gathering of several hundred labourers, was Communist-inspired.

The police opened fire after a warning had been given.—Associated Press.

RAF MEN WORK IN DOCKS

London, April 26.

The Labour Government called out 6,000 RAF men today to London docks in a spreading dockers' strike.

The airmen will join the 3,000 soldiers and sailors already working on vessels immobilised by the week-old unofficial strike denounced by the Labour Minister, George Isaacs, as Communist-inspired.

The National Dock Labour Board disclosed that 14,400 men are now on strike, an increase of almost 1,000 over Tuesday. This is more than half the 27,000 men who make up the waterfront force.

Eighty-two ships are tied up in port. Twenty-two vessels are being handled by the troops.

The walk-out began last Wednesday in protests against the expulsion of three men from the Transport and General Workers Union. They were charged with being the leaders of a similar maritime strike last summer which also was denounced by the Government as a Communist plot.

The Government's use of troops threatened to involve 4,000 London harbour lightermen in the strike.

The airmen, drafted from all parts of Britain, will begin working in the docks on Thursday. They will be sent into the area at the rate of 1,000 a day.—Associated Press.

BROWDER TO GIVE TESTIMONY

Washington, April 26.

The former Communist Party chief, Earl Browder, who flatly contradicted Louis Budenz's sworn testimony in the Owen Lattimore case, was subpoenaed by Senate Investigators today for a showdown public hearing tomorrow.

Browder accepted service of a subpoena in New York. He will testify under oath before the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee.

The hearing of the subcommittee today was cancelled when two witnesses failed to show up. John Huber, former FBI informant summoned at Senator McCarthy's request, telephoned his wife at Mount Vernon, N.Y., that he "blacked out" after reaching Washington last night and had returned to New York.

Jack Stachel, Communist leader whom Mr. Budenz named as one source of his information on Mr. Lattimore, sent word through his attorney that he was confined to his New York home with a heart ailment.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, told the Press he was still convinced there are no Communists in his Department.—United Press.

London, April 26. Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret saw special private showing of Christian Dior fashions at the French Embassy today.—Associated Press.

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**Moluccas revolt
may spread to
the Celebes**

Jakarta, April 26.

The revolt in the Moluccas, where rebels today formally announced the secession of Ambon Island from the United States of Indonesia, is expected to spread to the Celebes, according to a high official source here.

This source said that many thousands of Dutch Indonesian Army men, active as well as retired, and including Commandos trained by Captain Raymond "Turco" Westerling, would be mustered to defend the newly-proclaimed "Republic of the South Moluccas."

The high official added that the Moluccas islanders have been the backbone of the Dutch Indonesian forces for several years, and put their probable strength on Ambon at 5,000 tough, fighting men.

It would be impracticable to blockade Ambon in an effort to break the revolt because, though short of rice, the people could get along on rice and fish as they did during the Japanese occupation.

The Minahassa area, on the Northern prong of the Celebes, is believed to be the next likely rebellion area. The source said Dutch Indonesian Army (KNIL) troops are there in force.

It was reported tonight that Federal troop transports are

steaming for Ambon and are expected to land shortly.

The Dutch Military Chief of Staff, Major-General Van Langelen, flew in here in a Mitchell bomber from Ambon, the focal spot of the revolt, to confirm rumours of this third military rebellion within the four-month old Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

Disagreement on policy

Vital troops behind the uprising are put at between 1,000 and 1,500 men of the Dutch East Indies Army, a force not much stronger than that of Captain "Turco" Westerling's "Army of the Heavenly Host" in January's Bandoeng coup, or that of Captain Abdul Aziz at Macassar three weeks ago. Both previous revolts have collapsed.

A member of the bomber crew today said the coup had followed local disagreement with the policy of both the Federal Government and that of East Indonesia, a member State of which the Moluccas are a part.

"The Indonesian troops in Ambon were heavily armed with automatic weapons," he said. "They had taken off the emblem of the Dutch East Indies Army."

"Thousands of the inhabitants of Ambon town (the island has a population of 400,000) have fled into the hills because they expect fighting when Federal troops arrive to garrison the island."

The leading figure behind the coup is said to be Dr. J. Soumokil, until a few days ago the Attorney-General in the Cabinet of the four-year-old Dutch-created State of East Indonesia.

The East Indonesian Government, itself opposing complete incorporation in the Federal Republic and garrisoning by Federal troops, resigned yesterday.

Major-General Van Langelen refused to comment on the situation today. He is reporting immediately to Dr. Max Hirschfeld, the Dutch High Commissioner.

The South Moluccas include the islands of Serang, Buru, Aru, Kei and Andra. They are not self-supporting for food.—Reuter.

**MOTOR POWERED
BY WATER**

Paris, April 26.

The French Navy is carrying out experiments on a submarine motor which would be powered by water, a Navy Ministry spokesman said today.

"This is similar to experiments being carried out at present in a lot of countries in the world," he said, explaining that the problem is to get the power from separating oxygen and hydrogen.

No Frenchman has actually invented such a motor, he said, adding that he could not say how much progress, if any, had been made in developing the motor.

The experiments are being carried out at the naval base at Toulon.—Associated Press.

**TRIBUTE TO HK
UNIVERSITY**

Singapore, April 27.

The Universities of Hong Kong and Malaya are the Oxford and Cambridge of the East, Mr. Walter Adam, secretary of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies, said in a talk over Radio Malaya.

Mr. Adam arrived from Hong Kong with Professor Mowat Jones to study the University of Malaya.—Reuter.

**TUC council
still backing
wage freeze**

London, April 26.

The General Council of Britain's Trades Union Congress today stood firm in its support of the Government's wage freeze policy despite pressure from over 5,000,000 trade unionists actively resisting it.

At a meeting in London to review Sir Stafford Cripps' austerity Budget, the Council reiterated that wage restraint is still necessary to combat inflation. It agreed to seek a meeting with the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Members of the Economic Committee want Sir Stafford to enlarge on his Budget speech reference to a better policy to replace wage stabilization. They think the Chancellor might raise no objection to wage advances of up to perhaps £50,000,000 a year if this figure is not exceeded and the increases are only for lower paid workers.—Reuter.

**FREAK
WEATHER
CONTINUES**

London, April 26.

The sun got up on the wrong side of the earth today and Moscow sweltered in an 84-degred heat wave while a foot of snow fell in Central England.

In Finland, where the lakes usually stay frozen until the middle of May, early season swimmers were sticking a tentative toe into the water, while Holland's vast tulip fields were threatened by the heaviest snow of the year.

Even the French and Italian Riviera had cool showers during the morning, although a bright sun came out by noon. Part of France had its worst April cold spell in years and rain turned to hail in some sections, including Paris.

In Britain the snow was a foot deep in some parts and suburban commuters were held up for as long as four hours by transportation tie-ups. Telephone poles and trees were uprooted and turned to rail by the weight of the snow. Ice roads kept buses crawling and there were several minor accidents involving cars.

The Air Ministry said it was the heaviest snowfall in Britain in 31 years. The roof of a garage in Sevenoaks collapsed under the weight of the snow. Total damage was estimated at £20,000. Nearly 6,000 telephones were cut. Trains South and East of London were held up from two to three hours.

Many businesses remained in town rather than risk being caught on the way home, and hotel rooms were at a premium.—United Press.

**PERON INVITES
TRUMAN**

Washington, April 26.

The Argentine President, Juan Peron, today invited President Harry Truman to visit Argentina whenever it is convenient.

The invitation was extended to Mr. Truman by the Argentine Treasury Minister, Mr. Ramon A. Cerrojo, during a call at the White House.

Mr. Cerrojo told reporters Mr. Truman replied that he would like to visit Argentina but could make no commitments at present.—Associated Press.

**FAMINE IN CHINA
SETTING BACK
REDS' TIME TABLE**

The current famine in China is setting the clock back in the Communist timetable for consolidating domination of the country.

The Communist Premier, Chou En-lai, has admitted publicly that whether or not the new Government would be able to firmly establish its "New Democracy" order in China might depend on its solution.

Its adverse effects are becoming more and more apparent. It is hampering the revival of economic prosperity and restoration of public order and security, which China's new rulers need badly as the first prerequisite to ultimate political success.

It provides more fertility for the growth of popular discontent and the guerrilla movement. Its aggravation against a background of crippling taxes and levies is costing the Chinese Communists much popular support.

Back in December, 1949, Premier Chou told the nation that the famine was the worst during the last few decades and that it affected about 40,000,000 people with 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 actually starving or half-starving.

The Premier's figures did not include those affected by this year's spring famine and in the areas "liberated" since last December, such as Hunan and Kwangtung. The present total of affected persons, it is estimated, must be somewhere near the 60,000,000 mark.

The worsening famine situation in recent months had compelled two high-ranking Communist officials, General Lin Piao, whose position is equivalent to Governor-General of the six South and Central provinces, and Mr. Tung Pi-wu, Deputy Premier, to make urgent appeals for more positive relief measures.

The two officials said that hundreds of thousands of famine refugees are fleeing their lands, creating vast dislocations in social life, and that many people are eating tree leaves, bark and grass and selling children and wives in a desperate attempt to fight off death from hunger.

No positive policy

Private eye-witness reports said some people in the worst affected areas are down to eating what the Chinese call Kuanyin (Buddhist Goddess) clay.

Despite the urgency of the situation and the published official anxiety, no positive relief policy has thus far come out of Peking. The only relief measure announced is to organize the refugees for productive agricultural work for their own relief. Small quantities of Government grain are reported by the Peking Radio to have been granted to seriously needy areas as a sort of "first-aid" relief on several occasions.

The Communist Government recently launched a programme for the redistribution of food by means of surplus or surplus of cultivated land and areas of want. This has brought, according to an official Communist report, about 1,000,000 tons of food from Manchuria into China Proper. Manchuria was also hit by floods and droughts, but due to its relatively small population the food situation there was much better than in China Proper.

The Communists also ordered a general 25 per cent cut in land taxes and levies to ease the farmers' plight. In South China, the authorities have even ordered that taxes and levies in some famine districts be refunded to the farmers. These orders, according to private information reaching Hong Kong, are rarely carried out by the lower administrative levels.

Observers' fears

The Communists have, however, so far not made any appeal for international aid and have not even shown any enthusiasm towards offers of aid now being made or suggested in the United States and Hong Kong. The Nationalist leader, Chiang Kai-shek, has also made a similar offer. Communist rejection of his offer is easily understandable. But the general Communist nonchalance towards other proposals of international relief remains a shocking surprise to many people.

The Communist attitude gives rise to the fear that they would rather let the situation ride out in its own natural way than to appeal for or accept outside aid. Such aid, which can only come from the Western democracies, would take the teeth out of their anti-West propaganda, keynoted on the pretext that the West is "imperialistic" to the core and not capable of genuine friendship.

This apparently is the explanation why Western offers and suggestions of relief were not only ignored by Peking, but were also countered with a crop of official avowals that the famine had been checked and unofficial denials that a famine of any seriousness had ever existed. One unofficial denial, contained in a despatch from the Peking correspondent of the British Communist paper "Daily Worker," went even to the extent of saying that the famine is merely a fabrication of Hong Kong "propagandists."

The latest information from Peking contained an encouraging sign that the Chinese Communists may ultimately be prevailed to change their attitude towards international relief. The information said that the Peking Government have invited representatives of Protestant churches in Shanghai to a famine relief meeting on April 24 in Peking. The proceedings of the meeting, from which foreign missionaries will be excluded, will be watched with interest by the outside world.

The causes of the famine—floods, drought, pests, storms and heavy snow, which hit practically all parts of the country during the course of last year. Premier Chou said in his public statement on December 10, 1949, that the total area of cultivated land affected was more than 16,000,000 acres, reducing production of food by more than 7,000,000 tons—representing between one-third and one-fourth of total annual production—for a country, which normally has to import 1,000,000 tons of food annually to feed its over-flowing population.

Worse ever

Premier Chou listed floods, caused by rain-swollen rivers, which were the worst since the disastrous overflowing of the Yangtze River in 1931, as the chief cause of the famine. Unusually heavy snowfall last spring which followed last year's floods and droughts, seriously aggravated the famine situation.

**SOUTH PACIFIC
CONFERENCE**

Suva, Fiji, 26.

The South Pacific Conference today began serious discussion of its first great problem—mosquito control.

Many of the 60 delegates, representing 3,000,000 island people in the South Pacific, had been established to find Fiji completely free from malaria.

Fiji delegates are to explain to them the control methods used.

Language difficulties were ironed out as they arose in the discussion. Whispered translations were given by interpreters behind the Dutch and French delegations as speeches were made.

When French or Malay-speaking delegates were on their feet their statements were translated sentence by sentence into English.—Reuter.

**BRITISH NEWSMAN
EXPULSED**

London, April 26.

Vincent Bull, Reuter's correspondent expelled from Warsaw, arrived in London by air today.

The Poles alleged that his reporting was non-objective. He was the last representative of the British Press in Poland.—Reuter.

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Honeymooners back home



The Marquis de Villaverde and his bride, the former Carmen Franco, returned to Madrid after a short honeymoon trip to a seaside resort near Lisbon. The couple were met at the airport by the bride's mother, wife of Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco. She is expected to accompany the newlyweds upon a pilgrimage to the Vatican. Photo shows: Mrs. Carmen Polo de Franco, wife of the Spanish Chief of State, greets her daughter. (AP Photo).

SUPPORT IN AMERICA FOR UK PLAN ON STERLING BALANCES

New York, April 26.

The Journal of Commerce said today that there is considerable support for the United States supply of dollars to Asian countries for the purpose of helping to contain Russia, provided Britain reduces the amount of withdrawals from the blocked Sterling balances.

Commenting on the official British proposal that the United States should take over a big share of Britain's economic burden in India, Pakistan and South East Asia, the Journal said that business experts believe that such a scheme must be within the framework of a broad plan which also deals with Western Europe's currency troubles.

The Journal added, "Businessmen point out that several Asiatic countries need financial co-operation in the solution of their problems. However, any taking over of British commitments without stipulations as to what Britain herself should do in turn, would be sharply criticised."

"Some financial experts here favour direct financial assistance where needed coupled with a moratorium on the blocked Sterling balances."

The existence of the Sterling balance is a major stumbling block in the way of freer world trade, the paper said.

When the 1945 dollar loan to Britain was worked out, it was understood that creditors of Britain, the holders of blocked Sterling, would be expected to forego their claims, as the United States had done in settling lend-lease accounts. This had not been done.

Firm belief

"As the situation now stands, a large share of British merchandise for sale abroad is being sold as 'unrequited exports'. That is, it is being paid for with drawings from the blocked balances. American critics have repeatedly pointed out that flow

of goods to holders of blocked Sterling is limiting British earnings of hard currencies.

"If Britain could curtail such drawings while Asiatic

U.S. TO STAY IN BERLIN

Washington, April 26.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, told a news conference today that, despite the Soviet inspired threats to Western Berlin, the United States' forces will remain in that city.

Mr. Acheson said he could give an assurance that when the emotion over this situation had cleared away, U.S. forces would still be in Berlin.

Mr. Acheson also said the State Department is studying all kinds of ideas for closer integration of Western Germany politically and economically into the community of Atlantic nations. However, he stressed that no decision had been reached on any proposals in this field.

The Secretary disclosed that the United States is not yet ready to respond to the recent Soviet cold war thrusts. It had not yet been decided when the United States would reply to Moscow's rejection of American charges that Russian fighters shot down an unarmed American plane over the open Baltic Sea.

He also indicated that no reply is ready yet on Russia's charge that the Western powers had converted Trieste into a military base in violation of the Italian peace treaty.—United Press.

countries would receive dollars in aid, then more British goods would be available for sale in the dollar area, it is firmly believed."

The Journal said that, when the European Payments Union was worked out, the United States should make it clear "we will not indefinitely acquiesce in Western European discrimination against American products such as now prevails with our tacit approval."

Indian view

Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, of India, Chairman of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Economic Development, said today that the United States on Sterling balances did not mean dollar assistance for India.

In an interview with Reuters, Dr. Rao said, "I welcome the proposal, in view of the fact that both Britain and the United States were joint partners in the war effort, and specially in view of the major burden which Britain bore in war sacrifices."

However, such dollars as may be made available cannot be described as assistance to India or any other country owning Sterling balances. It would be essentially an aid to Britain, or an assumption of joint obligations with Britain for the debt also incurred, largely because of the war effort.

"Instead of being paid from one source, India would be paid from another source."

Dr. Rao and members of the Commission have been discussing world economic development with officials of the State Department, the Import-Export Bank and the International Bank.

He described the discussions as exploratory and informative.—Reuters.

VIETMINH EXPECTED TO BENEFIT FROM CAPTURE OF HAINAN

London, April 26.

The occupation of Hainan Island by the Chinese Communists will greatly benefit Ho Chi-minh's regime, in the opinion of officials here. One official commented, "The capture of Hainan alters the situation in Indo-Chinese waters for it supplies an excellent base for infiltration of agents and arms into Indo-China."

"The border between China and Indo-China is not suitable for large-scale operations and the occupation of Hainan would greatly facilitate any Communist designs on Indo-China."

The sea space of 150 miles between Hainan and the Indo-Chinese coast would make it easier to send men and munitions into Vietminh territory than it would be to smuggle them across mountains which form the Indo-Chinese border.

The Communist weekly, "World News and Views," said that Communist China is preparing for a last battle of liberation for Taiwan. In it China will use both naval and air as well as ground forces, the weekly added.

After saying that Chiang Kai-shek's garrison in Taiwan has been augmented by Japanese advisers and Air Force personnel, the "World News and Views" said, "The war for the liberation of Taiwan will be a big and important task. But China's main ally in the struggle will be the desire of the people for liberation. Chiang and his Kuomintang parasites are nowhere more hated than in Taiwan."

It said that the capture of Taiwan will benefit Britain as well as China because Chiang Kai-shek's blockade will be broken and Sino-British trade can flow.

Fighting in Indo-China

Mixed French-Vietnamese forces, successfully mopping up nationalist insurgents in Indo-China, reported many captures in fierce fighting today.

Three nationalist Vietminh battalions were surrounded in the rich Tonkin Delta, where 300 had already been captured and 34 killed, it was stated.

Another large group was taken prisoner near Langson, a French garrison town guarding the only main road entry from South China, while several Vietminh Command posts were destroyed and French forces completely disorganised in Binh Hoa Province, just 20 miles North of Saigon itself.

Fighting continued on the Tonkin-Yunnan border.

The latest among the numerous guerrilla attacks reported today was an assault on a military train on the Nhatrang-Saigon line and

SOVIET JETS AND TANKS IN CHINA

London, April 26. Official quarters said today that the British Consul at Tamsui, Taiwan, has reported that jet fighters have been sighted over Shanghai, and that Soviet-made tanks are moving toward Indo-China. Officials emphasised that the British Consul is not a reliable source, but added it was significant that he considered them substantial enough to be passed on to the British Government.

Commenting on the reports, officials said the presence of the jet fighters over Shanghai is not surprising, because it was known that Russia had sent planes and pilots for training Communist China's air force.

Regarding the reported move of Soviet tanks towards Indo-China, the officials doubt whether they are manned by Soviet crews and that they are actually moving on Indo-China. They are not inclined to believe that the tanks are being sent to Hainan Island, whose capture by the Communists alters the situation in the Indo-Chinese area.—United Press.

another on a laundry in Cholon, near Saigon, causing several casualties.

The police banned all public meetings in the Cholon area after arresting 15 people and seizing plastic bombs, grenades, pistols and sub-machine guns.

Even private meetings of more than 20, except by special permission, were also barred.

The Vietminh Communist leader, Dr. Ho Chi-minh, was reported by Vietminh Radio today to have appealed to the United Nations to denounce "the American Government's plans to help the French maintain domination in Vietnam."

Attack repulsed

A strong Vietminh Communist attack on a French post at My Phoc, near Boctang, about 150 miles South West of Saigon, today, according to a French military communique quoted by the French Presse Agency.

The Vietminh forces, armed with heavy weapons, were bombed by French aircraft and suffered heavy losses.

French troops are now engaged in mopping-up operations in the My Phoc sector, the communique said.

Vietminh insurgents lost 21 killed, 10 prisoners and arms and ammunition in a fight with French forces south of Halphong according to a Hanoi announcement quoted by the Agency.

In mopping-up operations in South China area, 50 miles South West of Hanoi, French forces captured some arms.—United Press and Reuters.

BIG FACTORY FOR SINGAPORE

Singapore, April 26.

A multi-million dollar plywood factory which will supply Europe, the United Kingdom and South East Asia, will go into production in Singapore early next year.

Equipped with the most modern machinery costing \$4,000,000, the factory will turn out plywood for packing, building and furniture from timber imported from Indonesia, Borneo, Sarawak, Thailand and Malaya.

The business—biggest of its kind in South East Asia—is being launched by The Borneo Company Ltd., and Straits Trading Co., of Singapore, and a Hong Kong firm.—Associated Press.

CIGARETTES FROM HK SEIZED

Manila, April 27. Customs Secret Service men seized 1,500 cartons of American cigarettes, which arrived yesterday on a plane from Hong Kong, after the discovery that they had been declared as advertising books and printed matter.

Acting on confidential information, Government agents led by the Customs secret service chief, James Keefe, ordered an examination of the contents of 10 packages consigned to a local trading company and which were manifested as books, and printed matter. The packages arrived on a Philippine Air Lines plane. Inspection revealed that all the parcels contained American cigarettes, which were estimated to be worth US\$7,500 at black market rates. The cigarettes were confiscated and investigation into the apparent smuggling attempt will be continued today.—United Press.

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Socialists turn down compromise plan on Leopold

Brussels, April 26.
The Socialist Party today rejected completely the compromise plan under which King Leopold had agreed that his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin, should temporarily assume the Royal prerogative.
The Socialists and Liberals had demanded that his son ruled, but Leopold refused to undertake this.

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Senator wants ex-enemies as full partners

Washington, April 26.
Senator James O. Eastland (Democrat, Mississippi) urged today that Japan and Germany be made full partners in the anti-Communist front.

"Ironically as it now may seem," Senator Eastland told the Senate, "Germany and Japan have again become the last outpost of Western civilization against those forces which now seek to engulf, enslave and destroy us."

Both peoples, he said, are bitterly anti-Communist and their interests lie with the West.—Associated Press.

KENYA OUTRAGE

Nairobi, April 26.
The British and African police killed by the spears of Suk tribesmen yesterday near Lake Baringo, in North West Kenya, were hunting the leader of the fanatical "Cult Of Good Spirits." It was disclosed here today, he was killed in the ensuing battle between police and tribesmen.
The cult, condemned by the British authorities as anti-European and inflammatory, is called the Dina Ya Msambwa.
It was started by Aliyah Mwendu, an African who said a "black Christ" would be sent to the territory if Europeans were liquidated.
Mwendu, once an inmate of a lunatic asylum, was banished and was living in exile.—Reuter.

SOVIET PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE IN IRAN

Teheran, April 26.
A new Soviet propaganda offensive has restored Iran as a hot front in the cold war.
The "Free Azerbaijan Radio" operating inside the USSR is leading the anti-Iranian radio campaign which began about 10 weeks ago and which has been steadily mounting in violence.

Before that, the Soviets had for a long period tempered their propaganda campaign against Iran in an apparent attempt to improve relations with its oil-rich Southern neighbour.

Monitors' reports show four consistent propaganda themes in Soviet broadcasts beamed here:

1. An attempt to blame U.S. "intervention" for Iran's economic depression.
2. Persistent charges that the U.S. is turning the Iranian Army into an "American stooge."
3. An attempt to picture the Shah—hitherto usually exempt from Soviet attacks—as under American influence.
4. An effort to picture the Iranian Government as so corrupt that it should be overthrown. Accompanying this are paeans of praise for the outlawed Tudeh (Communist) Party, whose growth since the economic depression here has Western diplomats frankly worried.

Call for revolt
Simultaneously, Soviet diplomats here are trying to get Iran

to close down the U.S. Information Service's Persian-language bulletin here.
Moscow Radio is echoing Radio Azerbaijan attacks, but in more temperate language.

An American source who follows Azerbaijan Radio said that the station called for an open revolt in one recent broadcast.

It was in Azerbaijan that Persian Communists set up the "People's Republic" in 1945-46, only to have it collapse despite Soviet political backing.

The latest Azerbaijan broadcast charged that U.S. planes are flying over Persian provinces and mapping them for military purposes.

"U.S. imperialists"
Other recent quotations from Azerbaijan Radio:

"American imperialists have recently devised new plans to get a hold on the Persian Army and are setting up English-language classes in the Teheran Garrison, special courses in the

military college, and are showing U.S. films."

(The U.S. military mission of 70 officers and men is here on Iranian invitation. It is purely a technical advisory group.)
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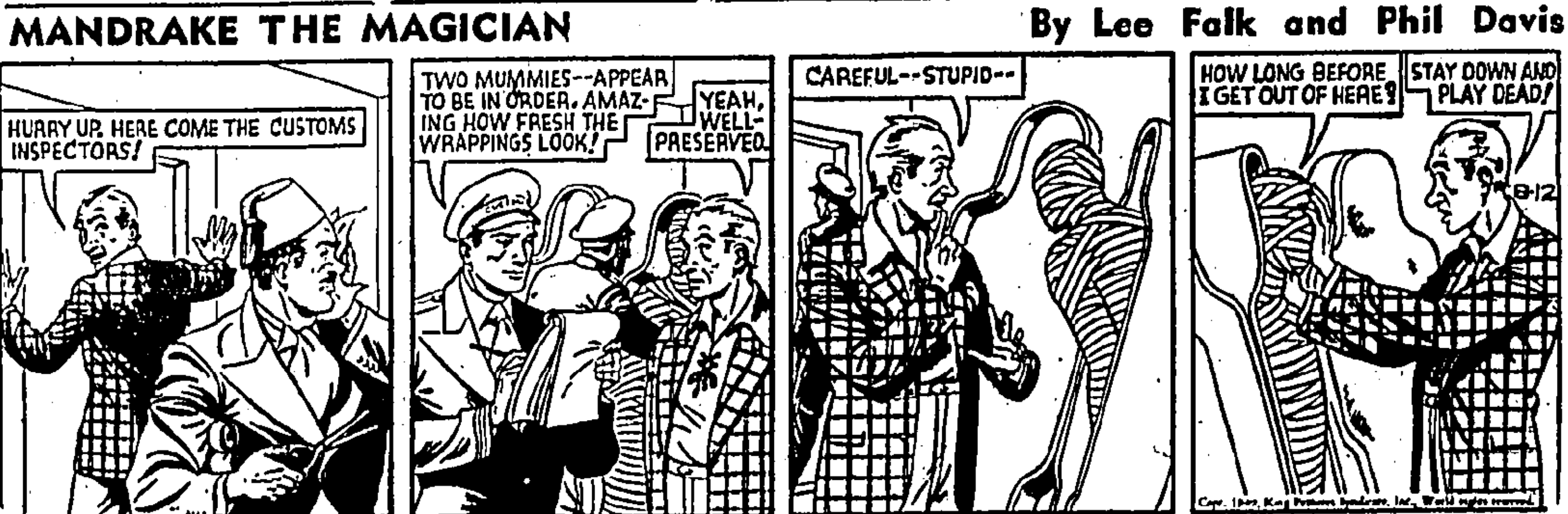
(U.S. officers say a total of about 50 Persian officers is studying in U.S. services schools. Many other countries have also sent military students to America).—Associated Press.

U.S. DEMAND ON RUMANIA

Washington, April 26.
The United States has demanded the closing of the New York office of the Rumanian Commercial Attache.

The State Department said that the New York office was concerned largely with the collection of pre-paid Customs duties on packages to Rumania.

In a note delivered to the Rumanian Legation in Washington yesterday, the United States demanded the final closing of the office within two weeks. Simultaneously the State Department announced the delivery in Bucharest today of a note reflecting Rumania's demand that the United States Information Services in Bucharest should be closed.—Reuter.



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CZECHS PRODUCE A "PLAN FOR PEACE"

London, April 26.

Czechoslovakia handed Britain a five-point "peace plan" today in a diplomatic note. One of its main points demands that "the imperialist production of arms should cease."

The Foreign Office withheld official comment, but an informed source took special note of this particular point.

Red charges of negligence denied by PFEL

San Francisco, April 26.

Chinese Communist charges that "negligence" by the Pacific Far East Line's California Bear cost the lives of 70 Chinese in a collision with the Chinese vessel Shiman drew a prompt denial today from the PFEL, which said the California Bear picked up 37 survivors after the collision.

PFEL headquarters here said the collision between the 8,000-ton American vessel and the 1,000-ton Chinese ship occurred in a dense fog in the middle of the night last Thursday. The company, notified by radio of the accident, promptly ordered an extensive search.

The text of a radioed message from the California Bear's master, Captain William Murray, disclosed that the California Bear searched a 50-square-mile area for nine hours, picking up 37 survivors from a lifeboat, before calling off further search in the fog-bound area.

The American vessel carried the survivors to Taku Bar. Mr. Thomas Cuffee, President of the Line, expressed deepest regret over the accident.—United Press.

LONDON DOCK STRIKE

London, April 27.

Leaders of the nine-day-old unofficial London dock strike were "lobbying" Members of Parliament today as nearly 1,500 airmen and naval ratings joined the 3,500 Servicemen already moving strike-bound cargoes. According to the delegation were the three men over whose expulsion from the Transport and General Workers' Union the stoppage began on Wednesday of last week. These three, who were expelled for their part in last summer's dock strike in support of the Canadian seamen's dispute, hoped to see the Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs.

The latest figures issued by the National Dock Board showed that 14,393 dockers, stevedores, clerks and cold storage men were on strike. Servicemen were working 38 ships and 11,084 regular stevedores were working on another 28, leaving 70 idle.—Reuter.

GERMANY FORMS MERCHANT NAVY

London, April 27.

Germany has been gathering a merchant fleet at top speed in recent months, shipping experts reported today.

A report by the Harley Mullion Company, Britain's leading firm of shipbrokers, showed that German buyers have gobbled up 278,100 worth of secondhand ships in recent months. Most of the vessels fall between six and eight thousand tons.—Associated Press.

The wording of it included the same imperialist and warmongering labels which Communist propaganda customarily applies only to the anti-Communist Western nations, particularly to Britain and the U.S. Sources close to the Foreign Office said the note apparently meant that only these States were supposed to stop making arms, which would result in the Communist arm being the only armed part of the world.

Such a proposal is unlikely to be favourably received in this country, one source said. The note itself was simple, being merely a cover for transmission of the five-point resolution passed by the Czech National Assembly on February 22. Dr. Pavel Kavan, First Counsellor of the Czech Embassy here, said the resolution was to be sent to all countries in which Czechoslovakia has diplomatic representatives, including the U.S. and Russia.

The Czech "peace plan" also called for the signing of "a peace pact among the great powers within the framework of the UN Organisation."

Other points: It condemned "warmongering and the preparations for a new war for which the imperialists are working."

It demanded "that the production and use of atomic weapons and other weapons of mass destruction be prohibited."

The note called for an end of "the unjust, cruel and blood war in Vietnam, Malaya and elsewhere" and said "the revival of Nazism and Fascism in Western Germany, as well as the policy of turning Western Germany into an imperialist war base in Central Europe, should cease."

Some diplomatic observers noted that this two-month-old Czech resolution was revived as a note at the same time as the Western powers are beginning sessions to align themselves more solidly together in an anti-Communist front. They interpreted it as probably being another move in a developing diplomatic offensive from the Communist States apparently aimed at trying to counter the effects of growing Western unity.—Associated Press.

AUSTRALIAN AID IN MALAYA

London, April 27.

British-Australian discussions on the possible form of Australian aid in the struggle against Communist forces in Malaya will stop short of demands for the despatch of Australian troops to Malaya, official quarters confirmed here today.

Australia House, commenting on the forecast published here today that Britain would ask for Australian aid in Malaya at next month's Commonwealth talks in Sydney on economic aid to South East Asia, a spokesman said he would be surprised if Britain made any request for direct aid in terms of men or arms.

Military observers here with knowledge of Australia's military resources considered that the provision of transport planes in connection with the Malayan campaign was the most feasible form of direct Australian contribution.—Reuter.

APPEAL IN AIRLINES CASE HEARD

(Continued from Page 1)

Referring further to Sir Leslie's holdings that the planes were intended for the use of the public the new government, such as the carrying of mail—Mr. Sheldon submitted that there was not sufficient evidence that the assets held by the representatives of the government concerned are dedicated to public use.

After dealing with the authorities in this connection, counsel said that in the present case, for the first time before a British Court, there is a dispute in British territory concerning property in foreign hands claimed by foreign nationals against a foreign government, in this case, China.

There is thus a vital and crucial difference between the authorities quoted by counsel for the third parties in support of their case and the present dispute, Mr. Sheldon declared.

Sale of assets: Turning to the purported sale of the assets to Chenault and Willauer in December, Mr. Sheldon said the transactions were all completed before the third parties got any right of possession as agents of the Government of China.

In all the authorities quoted by the other side said to be considered parallel to the present case, there was a vesting of powers to the foreign government before the claim to the properties in question was made by it.

There is no authority which allows this Court in these circumstances to decide that the doctrine of sovereign immunity operates in this case," counsel asserted.

Dealing with the part of Sir Leslie's judgment in which he held that the proper parties were set up before the Court, Mr. Sheldon disclosed that since the hearing of that case, certain changes have taken place in this connection.

During subsequent proceedings for an application for an injunction before Mr. Justice Williams by CAT, Ltd., the third parties made known that it was their intention to remove the assets out of the jurisdiction of the Court here as quickly as they could. Mr. Sheldon disclosed that he inquired as to how the Appeal Court could refuse an application for a receiver when the third parties intended to do this.

Mr. McNeill, supporting counsel, set up then rose and contended, on the third point in the judgment, that CAT, Ltd., had made out a clear case, in that there had been a prima facie sale of the assets to Chenault and Willauer by the corporation before the recognition of the new government by Britain.

Numerous legal authorities were then quoted, after which hearing was adjourned until 10.45 a.m. today.

SINO-SOVIET RAILWAY

A new Chinese Changchun Railway Company under joint Sino-Soviet control has been formed in North China, according to pro-Communist vernacular newspapers yesterday.

FALSE ALARM

The burglary alarm set off in the Bank of Canton's Western District branch shortly before 2 p.m. yesterday proved to be a false one.

The alarm, which was received at the Central Police Station at 1.55 p.m., sent Emergency Units and Flying Squads rushing to the scene. It was believed that faulty wiring had set off the alarm.

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1.35	Interlude.
1.40	Lunch time Music.
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6.00	"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
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7.00	"Music Lovers' Hour"—Classical and Light Classical Requests. Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)
8.00	World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
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8.40	"Service Qu"—Introduced by Kenneth Mackenzie. (Studio)
9.00	"From the Editor's Desk"—(London Relay)
9.10	Weather Report.
9.11	Italian Promenade Orchestra.
9.30	"Far from the Madding Crowd"—A Wessex Comedy by Thomas Hardy. (Ed. R.) "Mr. Boddie's Christmas Party." (DBO78)
10.00	"Compass of the Week"—Epigrams
10.25	Music for Dancing.
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11.15	Weather Report World News and Home News from Britain. (Recorded Relay)
11.30	God Save the King.
11.50	Close Down.

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12.15	Tune Time.
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1.00	Slinger.
1.15	News.
1.30	Music For You.
2.00	Friday Concert.
4.00	Slipstream and His Wildcat.
4.15	Today's Choice.
4.30	Vocally Yours.
5.00	Music Makers.
5.15	Children's Corner.
5.30	Harmony Hall.
5.45	Radio Headlines.
6.00	Rediffusion Request Programme.
6.30	The Jumpin' Jacks.
6.45	Do You Remember.
7.00	Romantic Cyprian.
7.15	Candlelight and Silver.
8.00	B.B.C. News.
8.10	Local News.
8.15	The Sweetwood Serenaders.
8.30	Allen Hall's Symphony of Melody.
9.00	The Stars Sing.
9.15	Time Out with Allan Prescott.
9.30	"Cheerio Time".
10.00	B.B.C. News.
10.10	Local News.
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a.s. "CANTHAGE"	1st June	2nd August
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CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 34 (H)

Vocabulary:	
181. (k'au) (1)kau	To implore. To plead. To pray. To beg.
General Expressions:	
02. Kuat(3) yee(3).	To decide. To determine.
A Story: (Continued)	
00. (2)Kui (3)dzee - gay(2) serng(2)-(2)hah, (3)wah; (2)Ngaw (1)bah - bah(1) (2)yau gum(3) daw(1) tseon(2).	He thought to himself and said:
(2)yau gum(3) daw(1) ook(1).	"My papa has so much money,
(2)yau gum(3) daw(1) (1)ngau gum(3) daw(1) (1)ngau (2)yau gum(3) daw(1) goong(1)-(1)yun.	so many houses, so many cattle and also so many workmen.
01. (2)Kui-dee(1) goong(1)-(1)yun (3)hnam-(3)hnam; (2)hnam doh(1) (3)shik hoh(2) (2)yeh.	All his workmen eat good food.
(3)jue (3)daye ook(1).	live in big houses
(3)jue (3)sham(1).	and wear fine clothes.
02. (2)Ngaw (3)hah (2)kui-zeh(3) dzal(2).	I am his son.
03. Diem(2)-ganyo(2) (2)ngaw yeeo(3) - hal(2) nee(1)-(shue(3) hut(1) - tseon(2) neh(1)?	Why should I be here begging for money?
04. (2)Ngaw ying(1) - goy(1) dzik(1) - huk(1) tsan(1)-hut(3).	I ought to go back immediately.
(1)kau (2)kui bay(2) (2)ngaw (2)kui - shue(3) hal(2) (2)gaw(3) goong(1)-(1)yun.	and implore him to allow me to work as a labourer at his place."

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"STRAAT MALAKKA"	13th May	6th May
"TEGELBERG"	13th May	1st June

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* Not calling Manila and accepting Cargo for East Africa & South America only.

JAPAN

Ship	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIBESAR"	4th May	5th May
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	30th May	15th May
"TEGELBERG"	30th May	15th May

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Ship	ARRIVALS
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m.v. "BALI"	24th May

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

Ship	SAILINGS
m.v. "HEMLAND"	5th May
m.v. "TONGHAI"	13th May
m.v. "BALI"	1st June

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

NEW CEMENT PLANTS OPEN IN MANCHURIA

San Francisco, April 26. Two more cement plants in Manchuria are about to start the production of Portland cement, Peking Radio reported tonight. Rapid growth of industry in Manchuria has created a big demand for cement, the Radio said.

It added that one of the plants, in Anshan, was wrecked in 1945 by the Japanese and has not been functioning since then. Restored, it will resume operations on May 1.

The other plant, in Ching-shi, was according to the Radio, badly wrecked by the Kuomintang the year before last. Its restoration has been accomplished two months ahead of schedule. Ching-shi is on the Peking-Magden railway.

Communists in China will try to produce more and better black tea this year, according to Peking Radio. This is part of a 1950 production and marketing programme for the Central South China areas drawn up by the State-owned China Tea Company.

For Russia

A major China export item, black tea has been listed as one of the commodities which will be sent to the Soviet Union by the Peking Government in repaying the Russian financial loan.

The Radio said that six processing plants are to be set up in Hupoh, Hunan and Kiangsi Provinces, areas which produce a third of China's total annual output of tea.

These plants will be equipped with modern machinery. They will devote exclusive attention to four of China's best grades of tea for export.

The Radio added that though all other kinds of tea for domestic use will continue to be grown, a number of counties will henceforth turn to black tea cultivation only. The Government

American shipping subsidy defended

Washington, April 26. American shipping today defended the subsidies it receives from the Government as a means of protecting United States standards and wages against unfair competition by cheap foreign labour.

Frazer Bailey, President of the National Federation of American Shipping, said the discrimination against American shipping lines by a number of foreign countries is creating an increasing number of international disputes.

Testifying before the Senate Commerce sub-committee, Mr. Bailey urged that no changes be made in the basic subsidy provisions of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. The law does not guarantee shipping lines profit and does not insure them against loss. It is only a device for Federal aid which provides for the recapture of subsidy payments in profitable years. The subsidies are paid to offset the lower foreign operating and ship construction costs.

Mr. Bailey said foreign ships can now deliver ships for about half the cost in American yards. The margin between foreign and American operating costs is widening because the American living standards and wages are improving.

The post-war problems facing United States shipping as stated by Mr. Bailey are: dollar shortage, Government control of foreign trade and foreign discrimination against United States vessels.

The dollar problem causes foreign interests to ship in vessels where, payments can be made in currency other than the United States dollar. Mr. Bailey said the discrimination results from post-war entrance into shipping of countries with new maritime ambitions and nationalistic feelings.

He named most of the South American countries, Portugal, India, China and Israel, and said many of these countries cannot afford subsidies and have taken indirect steps to bolster their national lines.—United Press.

Money Market

US dollars took the down grade yesterday as they dropped to HK\$0.15 at the close. The opening rate was \$8.18 and it went up to \$8.184 before the fall started in the afternoon.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 26. Trading on most sections of the London stock market was reduced to a minimum today as dealers kept wary eyes peeled on the Budget debate.

Leading industrial shares were quietly maintained with small gains. The Financial Times Index was 107.4.—Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 26. A late flurry of selling put the stock market on the downgrade today.

Aircraft issues enjoyed support for a while but closed under their best marks. Pressure centred on steel and radio television groups.

Turnover for the full session was at a rate approaching 2,000,000 shares.

Aircrafts moved up on news that some legislators are plugging hard to expand the Airforce. U.S. Steel slipped after announcement of a 65 cent dividend, evidently something of a disappointment to some traders.

Emerson radio lost on word of a stock split plan. American Telephone continued to improve. Also lower were General Motors, Chrysler, Studebaker, Goodrich, Montgomery Ward, Lockheed, Schenley, General Electric, American Can, Standard Oil, Johns Manville.

Dow Jones averages:

Stocks	75.21
20 Industrials	211.72
10 Utilities	84.73
10 Railroads	42.48

Closing prices:

Adams Express	22
Alaska Juneau	3
American Can	110 1/2
American Steel	51 1/2
American Telephone	154 1/4
American Tobacco	68 1/2
American Waterworks	11
Anacosta Copper	29 1/2
Aviation Corp.	8 1/4
Baldwin Locomotive	9 1/2
Montgomery Ward	23
National Distillers	41 1/4
National Lead	13 1/2
New York Central	34
Packard Motors	34
Pan American Airways	10 1/4
Pennsylvania RR	10 1/2
Radio Corp.	20 1/2
Remington Rand	12
Republic Steel	29 1/2
Roynolds Tobacco	37 1/2
Schenley	32 1/4
Sears Roebuck	44
Shell Oil	37 1/4
Socony Vacuum	17 1/2
Southern Pacific	23 1/4
Standard Brands	64 1/2
Standard Oil of Cal.	70 1/4
Standard Oil of N. J.	32
Studebaker	27 1/2
Union Bag	49 1/2
Union Carbide	47
US Rubber	18 1/2
US Steel	16 1/2
US Lines	34
Westinghouse	34
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	81 1/4
Gen. Pub. Utilities	10 1/4

In the bond market, American Telephone issues advanced while railroads declined.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, April 26. Crude rubber number one futures closed 90 to 11.00 lower. Sales were 125 contracts.

July 23.40
September 22.60
December 21.70-75
Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets 24-24 nominal—Associated Press.

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"SECRET DEAL ON TANGANYIKA"

London, April 26. The Communist "Daily Worker" said today that the Bank of England is negotiating a secret deal with American interests to give the United States direct participation in Tanganyika copper mines and uranium mines in the Belgian Congo.

The Bank of England declined to comment on the report. Recalling that Mr. Cobbold, Governor of the Bank of England went to New York last November on some errand whose objective was never made clear, the City of London decided there is something brewing in the reported sale of the control of the Tanganyika concessions by the Bank to the Americans.

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"BENCLEUCH"	on or abt.	11th May
"BENWYVIL"	on or abt.	14th May
"BENVOELICH"	on or abt.	27th May
"BENARTY"	on or abt.	6th June
"BENMACDHUI"	on or abt.	11th June
"BENLOMOND"	on or abt.	22nd June
"BENALDER"	on or abt.	28th June
"BENAVON"	on or abt.	9th July

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	DATE
"BENCLEUCH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	15th May
"BENMACDHUI"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	15th May
"BENAVON"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	13th July
"BENNEVIS"	Genoa, Liverpool, Le Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg	30th Apr.
"BENWYVIL"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Hull	17th May
"BENARTY"	Genoa, Le Havre, London & Hamburg	10th June
"BENCRUAHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Antwerp & Rotterdam	6th May
"BENVOELICH"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Antwerp & Rotterdam	30th May
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"TRITON"	East Coast/U.S.A.	15th May
"BOROL"	East Coast/U.S.A.	15th May
"CHRISTOPHER"	East Coast/U.S.A.	6th June

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"CHRISTOPHER"	East Coast/U.S.A.	6th June

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